



All Home Coordinating Board Meeting Summary

July 23, 2019

Members Present:		Members Absent:
Meghan Deal	Sara Levin	Leo Flor
Keith Scully	Melinda Giovengo	Steve Walker
Gordon McHenry Jr.		Nancy Backus
Sheila Sebron		Joe McDermott
Andrew Lofton		Okesha Brandon
Hamdi Abdulle		Jason Johnson
Daniel Malone		Colleen Echohawk

Agenda Item	Action Steps and Follow Up
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Public Comment	none
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FY2019 Continuum of Care NOFA Overview	<p>An overview of the 2019 HUD CoC NOFA was shared in the meeting materials. Notable components included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tier 1 / Tier2 ranking approach continues. Tier 2 is effectively 6% in 2019. • Each CoC is required to rate and rank each of its projects according to locally developed criteria. HUD continues to apply its own selection criteria which include prioritizing permanent housing, as well as low barrier housing serving literally homeless households, performance, and strategic use of resources. • Reallocation remains an option for the creation of NEW Permanent Housing projects either (1) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects for chronically homeless, (2) Dedicated Plus projects, 3) Rapid Re-Housing serving homeless individuals and families who come directly from streets or shelter, or 4) "Joint Component" (Rapid Rehousing /Transitional Housing). • Bonus funding is available at 5% of the ARD for new Permanent Housing Projects. Further information regarding the Bonus opportunity will be available once the application is available. • HUD is making available an additional \$50 million nationally for survivors of domestic violence (HUD Category 4). Funds can be used for new or expanded projects, and can be used for Rapid Re-Housing, Joint Component, or to help Coordinated Entry better meet the needs of those fleeing domestic violence.
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Permanent Housing Bonus and Domestic Violence Bonus Funding	<p>The following recommendations were presented to the Board and are related to two separate opportunities for bonus funding through the 2019 Continuum of Care NOFA: The Permanent Housing Bonus and the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus. The recommendations listed below have been made by the Continuum of Care Application and Rank Order Committee and were vetted and discussed with the Consumer Advisory Council and Youth Action Board.</p>
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Recommendation #1: Permanent Housing Bonus

- The Continuum of Care will apply for the Bonus funding available
- The Continuum of Care will direct funds to [Permanent Supportive Housing Projects](#) identified in other competitive, capital funding rounds

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- Staff have committed to bringing the following information to the Committee to review with the rank order process (viewing by other projects since Bonus projects are new):
 - Demographics of persons served
 - Performance outcomes

CAC and YAB stipulations:

- Both bodies affirmed the need to review performance and demographic data before selecting the projects to be included in the priority listing (rank order)
- Additionally, both bodies have requested the following information and actions:
 - Reviewing the demographic data of agency leadership and Board of Directors
 - Meetings with the executive leadership staff
 - Site visits with the agency at a similar project (since the Bonus funds projects have not been completed)

Overall Recommendation Rationale:

- Applying for bonus funds improves our overall application score AND fills critical community resource gaps, including serving households with the greatest needs
- Permanent Supportive Housing is generally our community's highest performing intervention and applying for PSH Bonus funding is supported by and aligned with our local values and priorities
- The competitive process in which these permanent housing projects are identified includes a rigorous review of financial viability and how they further advance our local values and priorities
- CoC funds are relatively inflexible and have a substantial administrative burden; utilizing CoC funds for PSH projects is generally a better match, reserving more flexible, local dollars for interventions that benefit from that approach

Recommendation #2: Domestic Violence Bonus

- The Continuum of Care will apply for the Domestic Violence Bonus funding available
- The Continuum of Care will direct those funds pursuant to the 2018 competitive, DV Bonus process, fully funding last year's Rapid Re-housing applicants

CAC and YAB Stipulations:

- Both bodies would like to meet with the Executive Leadership of the three, DV Rapid Re-housing projects

Overall Recommendation Rationale:

- Applying for bonus funds improves our overall application score AND fills critical community resource gaps
- The competitive process last year was a low barrier approach for providers to express their interest and need for DV programming
- All projects that applied last year were approved to move forward; this year's application would allow to more fully fund 3 of the project proposals
 - The projects are representative of the broader region and were assessed for performance, experience in delivering Housing First strategies and improving survivor housing stability and safety, and commitments to equity

Action: The Board voted to unanimously support the two process recommendations from the CoC Application/Rank Order Committee to move forward on the Permanent Housing and Domestic Violence Bonus funding opportunities. (*Gordon McHenry was recused from the vote*)
