

BOS COC-Funded Grantee Meeting – December 5, 2013

(1) Nature and deadline of the Board of Director's request for information to add into the Collaborative Applicant (exhibit 1)

- Deadline for this information will be January 10, 2014 at 4:30 pm to Carrie Poser
- Requests will be emailed out by the end of the week and/or early next week.
- Information requested will be more narrative in format than in past years.

(2) Key Points from the NOFA & Collaborative Applicant Application (exhibit 1)

- The Collaborative Application covers both the FY2013 and FY2014. **Whatever score the BOS receives this year will be applied to next year's application.**
- There is a requirement that the Exhibit 1, Priority Ranking, RFPs, and other COC business be published on our website. After further discussion, the Board determined that it would be easiest to utilize West CAP's website for these postings. There will be a new tab developed for the WI Balance of State COC.
- The application is scored out of 150 possible points with 6 bonus points. The breakdown is as follows:

COC Strategic Planning & Performance	69 points
COC Coordination of Housing & Services	28 points
Recipient Performance	15 points
COC Housing, Services, and Structure	13 points
Leveraging	5 points
HMIS	11 points
Point-in-Time	9 points
BONUS:	6 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% project applications request 7% or less admin (2 points) • No SSO projects are prioritized for Tier 1 (2 points) • Accurate & Complete submission of project applications (2 points) 	

(3) HUD's Policy Priorities as stated in the NOFA

- Strategic Resource Allocation
 - It is the COC's responsibility to determine whether projects are still necessary and address the listed policy priorities.
 - Projects that are underperforming, obsolete, or ineffective should be reallocated.
- Ending Chronic Homelessness
 - New projects can only serve chronically homeless individuals or families;
 - Current PSH renewal programs should be giving priority to chronic homeless;
 - Preference to Housing First models in which there are no preconditions (such as sobriety or minimum income) and rapid placement.
- Ending Family Homelessness
 - New projects through reallocation for Rapid Re-Housing projects that serve households with children living on the streets or in emergency shelters

- Removing Barriers to COC resources
 - It is the COC's responsibility to review system & project level eligibility criteria to identify and remove barriers to accessing services & housing.
 - Coordinated Assessment – requires implementation
 - Transitional Housing – HUD strongly encourages COCs and recipients to carefully review the transitional housing models within the geographic area for cost-effectiveness, performance, and for the number & type of criteria used to determine eligibility. Rapid re-housing may be a better model.
 - Prioritizing HH most in need – prioritize those identified as most in need, e.g. on street the longest, unsheltered households with children, medically vulnerable for placement in housing

- Maximizing the use of Mainstream Resources
 - While the Interim Rule allows for the payment of certain supportive service costs and SSO projects, it is more efficient for COCs to use mainstream resources where possible & use HUD funds for housing-related costs.
 - COCs should actively prepare for implementation of ACA (Affordable Care Act) and project recipients should be participating in enrollment and outreach activities to ensure eligible households take advantage of the new healthcare options.

- Building Partnerships
 - Proactively engage in partnerships with PHA (Public Housing Agencies)
 - Assess the extent to which philanthropy plays a role within the community and how to engage with those organizations to maximize resources

- Other Priority Populations
 - Veterans – Prioritize veterans who are ineligible for VA services and their families.
 - Homeless Youth- identify and describe needs of homeless youth and the current projects designed to service this population, including performance

(4) Deadline for each Project Application to be sent, but not submitted, to a designated member of the Board (exhibit 2)

- Deadline for the Project Application will be January 3, 2014 at 4:30 pm to Carrie Poser

(5) COC Planning Project

- The Board of Directors intends on applying for a COC planning grant during this year's competition.
- The total amount to be requested will be \$97,579.
- These funds will be used to hire a full-time Executive Director and operation costs for Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care.

(6) Tier Ranking Decision and Availability for Funding New Programs

- The total annual renewal demand (ARD) approved by HUD is \$7,806,301 for the Balance of State Continuum of Care.
- The NOFA tells us that the Tier 1 limit is your ARD minus 5% cut (\$390,316). So, that is \$7,415,985.
- Total new project funding available \$594,420 - \$660,601, depending on final ranking.

(7) Reallocation – voluntary and new projects due to reallocation

- There will be no involuntarily reallocated funds during this COC Competition.
- The RFPs for Voluntary Reallocation and New Projects Due to Reallocation were emailed out on 12/4/13. They are due by December 20, 2013 by 4:30 pm to Joana Hemschemeyer.
- **Voluntary Reallocation** is an agency decision to voluntarily give up their current grant and create a new project with those funds. The only options available are Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for Chronically Homeless or Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Programs for Households with Children. To apply for RRH, the applicant would need to justify the choice to request this type of project as opposed to the PSH program. The justification must include a description of how the continua is already addressing chronic homelessness through other means and why the need to create new RRH for households with children is of greater need than creating new PSH for chronically homeless persons.
- **New Projects Due to Reallocation** is the opportunity for agencies to write for a new project for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for Chronically Homeless or Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Programs for Households with Children. To apply for RRH, the applicant would need to justify the choice to request this type of project as opposed to the PSH program. The justification must include a description of how the continua is already addressing chronic homelessness through other means and why the need to create new RRH for households with children is of greater need than creating new PSH for chronically homeless persons.

Key Dates to Remember

RFPS – voluntary reall. And new projects	December 20, 2013 at 4:30pm to Joana H.
Project Applications (exhibit 2)	January 3, 2014 at 4:30pm to Carrie Poser
Board of Director request for Exhibit 1 info	January 10, 2014 at 4:30pm to Carrie Poser
Entire Application due to HUD	February 3, 2014 *Board of Directors*