

Summary of the 2013 Balance of State Continuum of Care

Ranking Committee Review

Overview

The Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) convened a review panel of community stakeholders to review and assess funding requests for the HUD Continuum of Care Program. The review panel, known as the Ranking Committee is a committee of the Balance of State CoC. The Ranking Committee is tasked in the CoC charter as the entity that is responsible for accepting requests for funding and reviewing requests for consistency with meeting the local goals and priorities for addressing homelessness. The Ranking Committee is staffed by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the CoC lead agency. DHCD issues a request for applications, accepts applications on behalf of the Continuum and supports the work of the Ranking Committee in reviewing and ranking applications for funding.

The Ranking Committee meets to review applications and to determine how effective the proposed work is in addressing community priorities to end homelessness and in meeting the needs of those experiencing homelessness. DHCD works in partnership with the Ranking Committee by providing staffing support and managing the application solicitation and review process.

DHCD published the Virginia Balance of State HUD Continuum of Care Rapid Re-housing/Permanent Supportive Housing Pre-Application in August, 2013 for new permanent housing funds.

Upon receipt of the pre-applications, DHCD staff reviewed the pre-applications denying any request that contained ineligible activities and inviting all agencies with eligible activities to apply via eSnaps.

A Steering Committee Conference call was held on December 16, 2013 to discuss the pre-applications, the HUD CoC application process, the funding priorities, the application timeline and to solicit members for the Ranking Committee.

The Steering Committee agreed to use the HUD funding priorities as identified in the 2013 NOFA. Here is the list of priorities adopted and subsequently used by the Ranking Committee:

- a. Renewals, RRH and PSH
- b. New PSH projects funded with reallocation serving 100% chronically homeless
- c. New RRH projects funded with reallocation serving families with children
- d. Renewals transitional
- e. CoC planning costs
- f. HMIS renewals
- g. Renewals SSO

The Selection/Ranking Committee's decisions made during the January 7th Ranking Session reflect the HUD priorities. Member in attendance were: Joni Tables (Western Piedmont Better Housing Coalition), Sharon Harrup (Heartland), Valerie Liggins (Crater), Joshua Gemerek (Northern Neck Middle Peninsula Housing Partnership), Lisa Yost (Housing Partnership for the

New River Valley) and Monica Spradlin (DHCD). Nichele Carver facilitated the ranking session and Kathy Robertson, Associate Director of the Homeless and Special Needs Housing Unit, observed the process.

2013 Balance of State CoC Competition Ranking Decisions

Included in the application Ranking		
Type	Project Name	RC Comments
PSH - Renewal	FY 13 -14 HOPE PSH Renewal	Tier 1
PSH - Renewal	Canterbury Commons Staunton	Tier 1 - The request submitted by the applicant is 8.9% less than the ARA. The applicant also agreed to prioritize chronically homeless individuals as beds become available.
PSH - Renewal	Canterbury Commons Waynesboro	Tier 1 - The request submitted by the applicant is 8.9% less than the ARA. The applicant also agreed to prioritize chronically homeless individuals as beds become available.
PSH - Renewal	Bristol Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal	Tier 1
RRH - New	Housing Resource Center - RRH	Tier 1 - This is the first and only RRH project in the BoS CoC application.
HMIS - Renewal	Balance of State Merged HMIS Renewal	Tier 1 - The applicant requested to reduce the grant by the 5%, the overall reduction of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand
PSH - New	Bristol Scattered Site PSH Project	Tier 2
CoC Planning - New	CoC Project Planning	Tier 2 - The RC has placed CoC Planning in Tier 2 as instructed in the HUD COC application. The RC sees value in a well-coordinated CoC planning process. (The amount of this grant was determined by HUD and is to only be used for planning purposes)

Not included in the application Ranking		
Type	Project Name	RC Comments
TH – Renewal	Project Hope	The RC recommended not funding this project due to the lower priority of the activity type. Funding from this project has been reallocated to new PSH/RRH projects.
SSO – Renewal	Project Employment	The RC recommended not funding this project due to the lower priority of the activity type. Funding from this project has been reallocated to new PSH/RRH projects.
SSO – Renewal	Flagler Housing Resource Center Coordinated Intake	Applicant did not submit an application, voluntarily relinquished funding for the purpose of reallocation to new PSH/RRH projects.

The results were discussed with and approved by the Steering Committee via conference call on January 15, 2014. The applicants were notified whether their projects were ranked and prioritized for the HUD CoC application via telephone on January 15, 2014 and emailed as a follow-up to the phone call on both January 16 and 17, 2014.

The appeals process was posted on DHCD's website on January 14, 2014. No applicants submitted an appeal of the Selection/Ranking Committee decision by the posted deadline.

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