

Notice to Citizens and Organizations in Macon County, Illinois

Date: November 5, 2015

Re: HUD Continuum of Care Project Renewal Applications

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issues funding opportunities for the renewal of homeless grant projects annually. This notice is posted pursuant to the "Notice of Funding Availability for the 2015 Continuum of Care Program Competition" (FR-5900-N-25) issued September 17, 2015 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Each year, the local Continuum of Care is required by HUD to rank renewal project applicants and determine if reallocation of funds are necessary. This notice provides the FY 2015 list of projects under renewal in Illinois CoC 516, the criteria in which the projects are ranked and the determining factors for reallocation.

1. **Review and Ranking Procedure:** All projects accepted for submission by the Macon County Homeless Council are reviewed and ranked objectively by the Review and Ranking Committee. The process and criteria for review and ranking are found on the following pages.

2. **Reallocation Process:** The Board of Directors of the Macon County Homeless Council reserves the right to reduce the funding request for any project based on the overall needs of the system to end homelessness in Macon County. Any funds reduced will be reallocated to create one or more new projects that either:
 - a. Provide permanent supportive housing for persons experiencing chronic homelessness; or
 - b. Provide rapid re-housing for homeless persons or households living unsheltered or in emergency shelters.

If reallocation is used, the Board of Directors will consider the following criteria with equal weight given to each factor:

- a. The ranking of the projects as determined by the Review and Ranking Committee (see #1 above); and
- b. The priority needs of the population(s) served by the projects; and
- c. The goals of the Opening Doors plan.

Please see <https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/fy-2015-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/> for relevant documents and technical assistance materials.

Review & Ranking - Scoring System

We use a 50-point scale.

| Factor | | Audit | APR | Homeless Council participation | PIT and HIC participation | Vulnerability of clients | Employment and income | Exits to / retention of permanent housing | Utilization | Spending | HMIS | Returns to homelessness | Housing First | TOTAL SCORE | RANKING | UNITS |
|---------------|------------------------------|-------|-----|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| Maximum Score | | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 50 | | |
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| | PSH LEASING | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | 9 |
| | HL LEASING 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | 3 |
| | CH LEASING 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | 7 |
| | DECATUR RAPID REHOUSING | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | 2 |
| | HOMEWARD BOUND | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | NA |
| | MACON COUNTY HMIS | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | NA |
| | HMIS EXPANSION | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | NA |
| | TRANSITIONAL HOUSING LEASING | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | 11 |
| | DECATUR RRH 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | 5 |
| | CH LEASING 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | 13 |

3 points – Agency Audit

How scored: The Review and Ranking Committee reviews the cover letter (sometimes called the transmittal letter) and the management letter from each grantee’s annual audit. The committee will award points based on the absence of findings, qualifications, and/or serious problems.

2 points – Annual Progress Report (APR)

How scored: The Review and Ranking Committee created a scale based on the dates that APRs were submitted compared to the dates they were due, which is 90 days after the end of the reporting period.

4 points – Homeless Council Participation

How scored: The Review and Ranking Committee created a scale based on the participation and attendance of project representatives at HAC-related meetings.

5 points – PIT and HIC Participation

How scored: The Review and Ranking Committee created a scale based on the level of participation of project representatives in the annual Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Count.

3 points – Vulnerability of Clients

How scored: The Review and Ranking Committee assesses the level of need of targeted clients based on Housing Placement Priorities, with projects serving the most vulnerable populations gaining more points.

5 points – Employment and Income Changes

How scored: The Review and Ranking Committee created a scale based on retention or gains in earned income and other cash income.

5 points – Exits to / retention of permanent housing

How scored: The Review and Ranking Committee created a scale based on:

- For SSO and Transitional Housing projects: exits to permanent housing
- For Permanent Housing projects: Retention in housing plus exits to other permanent housing

5 points – Utilization

How scored: The Review and Ranking Committee created a scale based on utilization rates.

4 points – Spending

How scored: The Review and Ranking Committee created a scale based on unspent grant funds at the end of the most recent project year.

3 points – HMIS

How scored: The score is based on data quality reports with lower missing/null values receiving higher scores.

5 points – Returns to homelessness of former clients

How scored: Based on HMIS reports. Projects with fewer former clients returning to homelessness are awarded higher scores based on a scale.

5 points – Housing First compliance

How scored: The Review and Ranking Committee utilized a scale based on the ranges of responses to the Housing First checklist.

Tiebreakers:

Ties are broken based on the number of units proposed for FY 2015.