Continuum of Care Pre-Application Workshop
April 2, 2019
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Agenda

- HUD's Homeless Housing Priorities

- HUD's CoC Homeless Grant Competition

- Pre-Application Process

- ZoomGrants orientation

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HUD's Homeless Housing Priorities

HUD Homeless Housing Priorities

- End homelessness for all persons

- Create a Systemic Response to Homelessness

- Strategically Allocate & Use Resources

- Use a Housing First approach

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What is Housing First?

- Direct, or nearly direct, placement of targeted homeless people into permanent housing.

- Supportive services are offered and readily available, but are not required to remain in housing.

- Assertive outreach to engage and offer housing to homeless people.

- Low demand approach that accommodates client alcohol and/or substance use and symptoms of mental illness.

- Continued effort to provide case management.

HUD's System Performance Measures

1. Length of time persons remain homeless
2. Number/percentage of persons who return to homelessness
3. Number of homeless persons
4. Job & income growth of people in CoC-funded programs
5. Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time
6. Homelessness prevention & housing placement of people unstably housed (Category 3 of HUD's homeless definition)
7. Successful housing placement

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Overview of the HUD CoC Homeless Grants Competition

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HUD CoC Homeless Grant Competition

- Each year HUD releases a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Grants Competition.

- Anticipate that the Durham CoC will be allowed to apply for approximately $1.5 million in the 2019 HUD CoC Homeless Grants Competition.

  - Annual renewal demand of approximately $1.41 million for 11 projects

  - Possibly approximately $85,000 for a "Permanent Housing Bonus

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Overview of Durham CoC Grant Application Process

1. **Pre-Application** in April/May 2019 to Determine Threshold Eligibility with:
   - Project Minimum Requirements
   - Organizational Minimum Requirements
2. **Invitation** to Submit Full Application to Durham CoC – late May 2019
3. **Funding priorities** for project applications approved by HSAC – May 2019
4. **HUD NOFA release** expected by mid-May 2019
5. **Local funding recommendations** developed after NOFA is released
6. **Collaborative Application, Project Rankings & Project Applications** expected to be due to HUD by August 31, 2019
7. **Funding decisions** by HUD expected by December 31, 2019

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Renewal and Expansion

- All projects currently funded through CoC are eligible for renewal.

  o CoCs may reallocate renewal funding.

- Organizations can apply to expand an existing renewal project to:

  o Increase the number of units, or
  o Serve additional persons in the project.

- Organizations are encouraged to apply for "Expansion Grant," if project is performing well.

Domestic Violence Bonus

HUD indicates it again will have a $50 million nationwide "bonus" competition for projects that "assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking." Projects can be:

- Rapid Rehousing Projects
- Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing Projects
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for coordinated entry.

In 2018, DCRC was awarded $152,000+ for a RRH Project for survivors of DV/IPV. Durham will be eligible to apply for similar amount in 2019.

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Pre-Application Process

Pre-Application Key Points

- **Organizations must submit a pre-application for EACH project for which they wish to submit a full application.**

- Projects and organizations must meet all Project and Organization Minimum Requirements in the Pre-Application phase to be able to submit a full application for HUD CoC funding.

- This is a competitive grants process. Projects that submit a full project application may not be recommended by the Durham CoC to HUD for funding, and projects recommended to HUD by the Durham CoC for funding may not be awarded HUD funding.

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Pre-Application Schedule

Activity	Date
Pre-Application Issued	April 2, 2019
Pre-Application Workshop	April 2, 2019
Written Question and Response Period	April 2 – April 18, 2019
Written Questions and Responses Posted	April 26, 2019
Pre-Applications Due (via ZoomGrants website)	May 3, 2019 by 3:00 PM
Notification of Eligibility	May 14, 2019
Appeals Period	May 14, 2019 – June 3, 2019
Notification of Appeals results	June 14, 2019

Project Minimum Requirements

1. Proposed projects must be for one of the following activities:
   - Permanent Supportive Housing
   - Rapid Rehousing
   - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
   - Coordinated Entry & Assessment

2. Must take part in the Durham CoC's Coordinated Entry System

3. Must meet the Durham Continuum of Care's threshold requirements with respect to:
   - Screening and termination of participants
   - Data quality on Universal Data Elements in HMIS
   - Bed & unit utilization

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Organization Minimum Requirements

1. Must be nonprofit organization, State, local government, instrumentality of State and local governments, or a public housing authority

2. Must submit audited financials for the two most immediate completed reporting periods of operation - Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 or later

    o   Under certain conditions, Financial Statements prepared by a CPA may be submitted instead

3. Financial capacity to manage a reimbursement-based contract

4. Must match 25% of any HUD funding award, except for leasing support (cash or in-kind)

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Organization Minimum Requirements - *continued*

5. Organization is eligible to contract with the federal government to spend federal funds

6. Organization meets HUD threshold requirements as described in the Pre-Application Questions

7. Organization's Board of Directors have adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy for the organization

8. Organization has a Board of Directors that includes at least one homeless or formerly homeless person, or it has received a waiver from HUD

9. Organization is in good standing with the City of Durham

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CoC Program Requirements

- Leasing versus Rental Assistance
- Lease/rental housing must meet Housing Quality Standards
- Supportive Services Agreement
- Occupancy agreements/leases
- Timeliness-draw down funds at least once per quarter
- Termination
- Involuntary family separation
- Central or coordinated assessment system
- HMIS Participation

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Eligible Costs

- Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or New Construction

- Leasing or Rental Assistance

- Supportive Services

- Operating Costs

- HMIS

- Project Administration-up to 10% for new projects

Questions and Answers

https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/

Send questions about pre-application process to
Durhamopeningdoors@durhamnc.gov
by April 18, 2019.
Answers posted at CoC website by 4/26/2019.

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Orientation to ZoomGrants