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Continuum of Care Board Meeting

September 25, 2024

Agenda

1. Vote: Aug. 28 Meeting Minutes.
2. Information: Funding Opportunities Update.
3. Information: Encampment Closures Update.
4. Information: AHAC Feedback.
5. Discussion: Adult Shelter Capacity.
6. Information: Contractor Search Update.
7. Discussion: Other News.



Vote:
Approval of Meeting Minutes
from August 28, 2024.



Update on Funding Opportunities

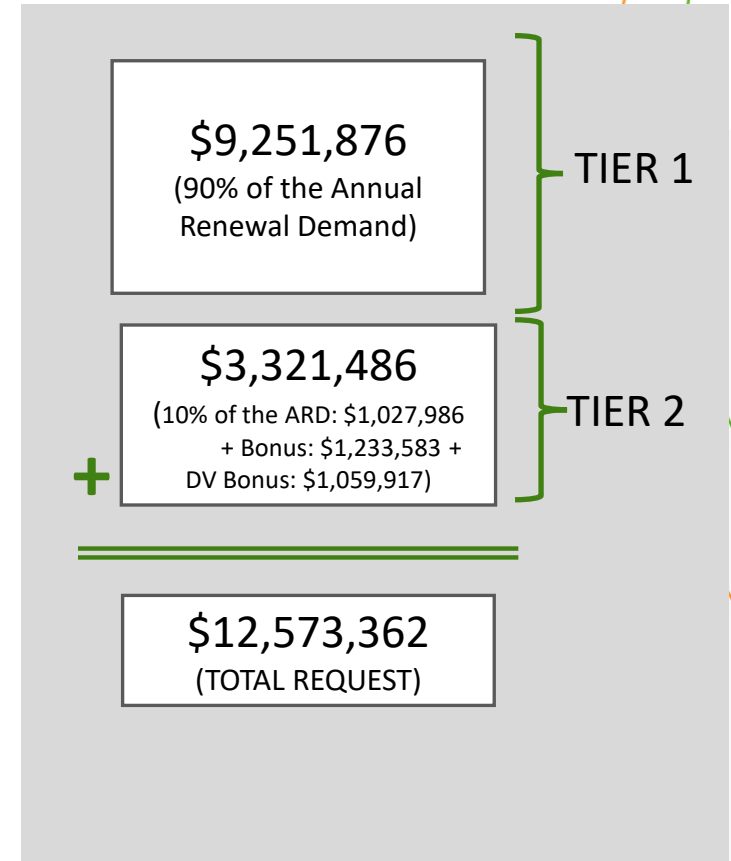
2024 HUD CoC Program Competition

- ❑ Fairfax County's CoC can apply for up to \$13,087,355
 - \$10,279,862 in Renewal Funding (Supports existing projects operated by current HUD Grantees)
 - \$1,233,583 in Bonus Funding (New Funding Opportunity)
 - \$1,059,917 in DV Bonus Funding (New Funding Opportunity)
 - \$513,993 in Planning Grant Funding (available to the Collaborative Applicant)
- ❑ 2 Applications for Bonus Funding were submitted requesting a total of \$2,046,269, No Applications for DV Bonus Funding were submitted, and 18 Renewal Applications will be included requesting a total of \$10,279,862. The total funding requested is \$12,326,131.
- ❑ Grants have a 1-YR term and if awarded, grantees can renew annually



- **Funding Opportunities | Priority List Impact (Ranking)**
- **2024 HUD CoC Program Competition**
 - Projects in TIER 1 are typically funded
 - Projects in TIER 2 use a scoring criteria outlined in the NOFO

FUNDING TYPE	AMOUNT AVAILABLE
Renewal (Annual Renewal Demand)	\$10,279,862
Bonus	\$1,233,583
DV Bonus	\$1,059,917
<i>Total Request</i>	\$12,573,362



Priority List Approach for both funding opportunities (Ranking)

Ranking Approach adopted this year as well as in the past

#	PROJECT TYPE	RANKING APPROACH	RANKING APPROACH JUSTIFICATION
1	Renewal Projects	Ranked first in order of Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Score (highest to lowest)	All Renewal Projects will be ranked above New Projects IF assessed to meet community need and M&E threshold.
2	Reallocation	<i>If expansion project:</i> rank directly below Renewal Project being expanded	Reallocation is a shift of existing renewal funding. If the reallocation is an expansion, should be ranked directly below the project it is expanding.
3	1 st Time Renewals	Ranked below Renewal Projects, above New Projects	Only Renewal Project(s) not in operation. Rank below renewals IF all Renewal Projects are assessed to meet community need and M&E threshold.
4	New Projects	Rank below Renewal, Reallocation (if expansion), and 1 st Time Renewals	Bonus projects should be ranked in order of score according to the New Project Application and in accordance with local priorities established.

Next Steps

- ❑ **Notice to Applicants:** All Applicants will be notified, in writing, by the CoC Lead Manager on behalf of the Selection & Ranking Committee of the decision the Committee reached regarding the CoC Priority List. This will also serve as the official notification the projects have been accepted for inclusion in the CoC's Application.
- ❑ **CoC Priority List:** The CoC Priority List, as well as the CoC Application, will be shared through the OPEH website (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/continuum-care>) prior to the close of the competition (10/30/2024) for the HUD CoC Program Competition.

CoC Builds

- ❑ October 2, 2024 - Applications from interested organizations due to OPEH
- ❑ October 23, 2024 (tent.) – Selection & Ranking Committee meeting to rank all projects
- ❑ Obtain CoC letter of support
- ❑ Submission of application by OPEH prior to November 21, 2024 deadline



Encampment Closures Update.

- Hunter Mill District, “The Hill” in Reston.
 - Sep. 10 – Final closure.
 - Approx. 70 people now sleeping in the temporary overnight shelter at the North County Human Services Building
- Providence District, “Pump House” in Fairfax.
 - Sep. 4 – Final closure.
- Continued reports of individuals sleeping on private and public property near both sites.



AHAC Feedback

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) had homelessness updates on the agenda at the September 13, 2024, meeting. HCD staff presented.
- Interest in two recent encampment closures.
- Expressed concern about:
 - Insufficient emergency shelter and permanent housing.
 - Differences in access between regions of the County.
 - Coordination between local government jurisdictions.



Adult Shelter Capacity: Coordinated Entry

- “Coordinated Entry” = A process designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and referrals, including eligibility and prioritization.
 - Eligibility: HUD Definition of Homeless, Cat. 1 & 4.
 - Prioritization: Unsheltered or imminently, County residency, and highest assessment score.
 - Access: Call or walk-in to shelter, or representative.
 - Referral: Managed through “STARRS” (Shelter Triage, Access, and Referral System for Singles) in HMIS.



Adult Shelter Capacity: Q&A

1. *‘What is the average wait for a bed in shelters serving adult-only households?’*

Answer: The average wait time for people entering shelter between June and August 2024 was **33 days**.

2. *‘How many **beds** are needed to meet the requests for adult-only shelter?’*

Answer: Based on call data, staff estimates that up to **300 additional shelter beds** would be needed, although additional temporary financial and rental assistance could free up bed capacity.



Adult Shelter Capacity: Notes

- Average Wait:
 - Typically, 350 individuals on the list at any time.
 - Average length of time on the list is 73 days.
 - Between Jun.-Aug., 345 people were removed from the list after reaching the maximum limit of 90-days.
- Beds Needed:
 - The CoC has 170 year-round adult-only beds.
 - The Hypothermia Prevention Program increases capacity each winter, reducing people on list.



Planning, Engagement Contractor

- Existing contractors have limited availability.
- Staff exploring university options as a quicker path to securing contractors.
- A solicitation may be required to accomplish full scope of work.



Adjourn.

Next meeting is October 23, 2024.

