

Greater Bristol County/ Attleboro/Taunton

Coalition to End Homelessness (GBCATCH)

MA-519 CoC 2016 Competition Funding Decisions

August 31, 2016

The Greater Bristol County/ Attleboro/Taunton Coalition to End Homelessness (GBCATCH) MA-519 CoC Application Ranking Committee has completed review of renewal projects in response to HUD's requirement to develop a ranking and funding for each project to be placed in Tier 1 or Tier 2.

Agencies who were submitting renewals or new projects were required to present at the most recent CoC Steering Committee meeting on August 24th to describe the proposed projects, request to reallocate and present new permanent housing bonus projects, as well as potential other new projects for Coordinated Entry and HMIS.

The CoC Application Review Committee met on August 30, 2016 to review applicant performance, current funding, HUD recommended rankings, and make funding decisions. The Committee consisted of Kevin McCarthy (Bristol County Savings Bank) and Janet Richardi (South Coast Regional Network to End Homelessness). Thank you to the Committee for their hard work, and thank you to all applicants for working so diligently through the process.

The following projects are selected to be included in the CoC application and ranked in the following order:

Tier 1

- 1) Homes With Heart-\$180,264.00 PSH-CH (Renewal)**
- 2) Moving Forward-\$62,206.00 PSH-CH (Renewal)**
- 3) Welcome Home II-\$48,498.00 PSH-CH (Renewal)**
- 4) Beacon of Hope-\$67,082.00 PSH (Renewal)**
- 5) Path to Independence-\$87,362.00 PSH (Renewal)**
- 6) Keystone-\$25,304.00 PSH (Renewal)**
- 7) The CALL Taunton/Attleboro and Bristol County (NEW), (Coordinated Entry)**
\$27,357

Tier 1/Tier 2

- 8) New Horizons-\$277,123.00 PSH (Renewal)**

Tier 2

- 9) Bridge House PSH for Unaccompanied Youth-\$39,587.00 (Permanent Housing Bonus)**
- 10) HMIS- (NEW) -\$16,542.00**
- 11) Planning grant (NEW), \$23,752.00**

Selection Process: The Committee followed a multi-step process to make funding decisions: Information was sent to all agencies and members of the GBCATCH regarding the NOFA and discussed in person at our bi-monthly meetings.

Below is the information and schedule that was sent to the CoC:

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Hello to all! Attached please find the minutes from our July 19th meeting. We will have our next in-person meeting on Wednesday August 24th at 9 am, note time and day is new. As we discussed in our last meeting on July 19th The CoC Application was published on 6/29 and available on e-snaps on 7/25. Below is the timeline for the CoC Competition that we must adhere to. I have attached relevant material about this year's competition and we have a great deal of work to do to meet the deadlines and submit a high scoring proposal.

- July 19th-GBCATCH meeting to review upcoming NOFA-discuss priorities and the potential to reallocate projects, current providers need to send in most recent APR's if available to Collaborative Applicant (Ellen Bruder-Moore Abramowitz-EBMA)*
- June 29th-August 14th Work on applications and request help from EBMA if needed;*
- Date TBD-Performance and Outcomes and Project Ranking Committees to meet to review projects to develop Tier 1 and 2 Ranking based on performance and HUD guidance-Kevin McCarthy and Melissa Vanhorn will be sending out email with exact date week of 8/22/15.*
- August 14th- Last possible day for project applications to be submitted to Collaborative Applicant for review and opportunity to make corrections (HUD requires that the application be submitted 30 days prior to the full grant on e-snaps. We can always make corrections, but need to show that the original timestamp was August 14th).*
- August 14th-August 19th-make any corrections to project applications*
- August 24th - Project Ranking process presented at GBCATCH meeting*
- September 14th- Full Application submitted to HUD*

If you are submitting a project applications and thinking of making any adjustments/reallocation to your projects based on HUD's priorities of serving those with a history of chronic homelessness in permanent supported housing or serving families using a rapid rehousing model (RRH) please let me know as soon as possible.

A Project Ranking Committee has been developed made up of members of the GBCATCH not receiving funding to review the criteria for Ranking in Tier 1 and Tier 2. The Committee will develop a proposed ranking of the CoC's projects according to HUD's priorities according to the instructions below:

HUD Additional Overview Information

Available Funds. *Approximately \$1.9 billion is available in this FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. HUD may add to this amount any available funds that have been carried over or recaptured from previous fiscal years. All of the requirements in the FY 2016 application process, including requirements for the entire CoC Consolidated Application and the total amount of funding available are contained in this NOFA. The available amount of funding may not be sufficient to fund anticipated eligible renewal projects in FY 2016, HUD will continue to require Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects, except CoC planning and UFA Costs, in two tiers. Tier 1 is equal to 93 percent of the CoC's FY 2015 Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) approved by HUD on the final HUD-approved Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD plus any amount available for the permanent housing bonus as described in Section II.B.4. of this NOFA.*

We are also hoping to submit a new project for permanent housing, coordinated entry or HMIS based on any reallocation as well as the permanent housing bonus. If any agency providing homeless services in our CoC is interested in submitting a new project please send an email to Kevin McCarthy, Chair of the GBCATCH by August 5th at 5 pm in order to have the necessary time to prepare the application which will be due in e-snaps by August 12th. The amount available for a new project will be 5 % of our ARD or approximately \$35,000. See attached instructions for letter of intent.

The Committee used objective criteria to rank all projects. The criterion was provided to all Applicants based on HUD's priorities for the 2016 competition and sent out in emails to all applicants and members of the CoC. The committee looked at performance outcomes, including working with the number of clients as outlined in the original project, recaptured funds, number of chronic homeless served, goals and objectives met, as well as the needs of the CoC to develop a Coordinated Entry System.

Rationale for Funding and Ranking Decisions

The CoC received a request from the project applicant Catholic Social Services asking to reduce the grant based on recaptured funds in relation to their struggles with finding rentals that met the FMR in Taunton. They have asked that the grant be reduced by \$27,357 also decreasing the number of units from 6 to 4 serving a total of 12 (4 parents, 8 children, versus 6 parents, 12 children) while also committing to serving chronically homeless families. The applicant has also submitted a new project to provide a Coordinated Entry system for the CoC which has been operating successfully with funding from other CoC's in our region, but is in serious need of funds to operate a strong system in our CoC. The Application Committee felt strongly that the

Coordinated Entry project should be located in Tier 1 and ranked it there in order to assure this service was meeting a critical need in the CoC.

Additionally, CCBC also presented a request to the CoC and the Committee to eliminate their Transitional Housing project The Bridge House based on HUD's priorities to serve chronically homeless individuals and their willingness to submit a new project to served chronically homeless unaccompanied youth in permanent supported housing. The CoC also wanted to submit an HMIS project and used the eliminated funds from the Bridge House Transitional project to create an HMIS project.

Each agency whose funding was eliminated or reduced will work with the Collaborative Applicant to amend their projects based on the recommended decreases, new projects, including the Permanent Housing Bonus, the Coordinated Entry, and the new Bridge House PSH for Unaccompanied Youth.

The selected projects will be included in the CoC Application which will be submitted to HUD by September 14th, 2016. The Committee's decision was posted on the Collaborative Applicant's webpage www.comcounseling.org and the GBCATCH Facebook page, and sent out to the entire membership on August 31st, 2016 for final review. The Committee has presented the recommendations to the entire CoC for approval by email for approval of their recommendations.

Appeals

Agencies that wish to challenge the funding level or ranking of their project may appeal by submitting a written letter which states the reason for the appeal to Kevin McCarthy, Chair, GBCATCH, C/O Bristol County Savings Bank, 29 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780. Letters must be received no later than September 7th, 2016, at 4 pm.