

## Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (NC-501) Reallocation Process for Continuum of Care Project Competition

The Asheville-Buncombe Continuum of Care (hereinafter CoC) manages the performance of all CoC projects in the community and reallocates financial resources whenever doing so will improve the CoC's capacity to end homelessness. The CoC encourages new and existing providers to apply for new projects each fiscal year through reallocation. The CoC reallocates funds using the following process when it has determined that a reallocation of funds from underperforming, underutilized or exiting programs will benefit the entirety of the homeless community.

- The CoC, through the Collaborative Applicant, the City of Asheville, issues a notice for a Letter of Intent (LOI) for new, bonus and renewal project applications, with a deadline at least 30 days prior to HUD's Continuum of Care grant deadline.
- The LOI specifies that an agency must indicate that it intends to submit a new, renewal or permanent housing bonus project for consideration as per HUD guidelines.
- New projects may only be funded through reallocation of funds from existing projects or through the permanent housing bonus process.

HUD strictly limits the types of eligible projects for which reallocated or bonus funds may be used but will allow the CoC to reduce or eliminate funds from eligible renewal projects through reallocation to create projects. Therefore, the LOI indicates which, if any, existing projects may or may not renew, whether any agency will pursue the permanent housing bonus and whether any new projects will be submitted. For FY 2016, the following project types may utilize reallocated funds:

(a) new permanent supportive housing projects where all beds will be dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families; (b) new rapid rehousing projects for homeless individuals and families who enter directly from the streets or emergency shelters, youth up to age 24, and persons fleeing domestic violence situations; (c) new Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects specifically for a centralized or coordinated assessment system; and (d) new dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) projects.

All projects considered for funding must pass a preliminary threshold review for completeness and whether the project is eligible under HUD rules. The Finance Sub-Committee of the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC) is tasked annually with scoring and ranking eligible projects for recommendation to the full Continuum. The HIAC reviews all applications received which pass threshold review and then determines if a reallocation process is necessary based on the project applications it receives following the LOI.

If reallocation is necessitated by submissions, the HIAC develops a priority listing of projects recommended for funding, including a consideration and discussion of projects losing or gaining funds through reallocation, reviews renewal projects based on performance, new projects based on organizational capacity, strategic priority, project approach and design, and total cost effectiveness. Recommendations to reallocate funds by the HIAC consider HUD's policy priorities and strategic objectives and the CoC's needs and priorities, in relation to any new and existing renewal project proposals, as well as the performance and spending history of existing renewal projects.

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Finally, the recommended priority listing is presented by the Finance Sub-Committee to the full CoC for review, discussion and a vote. A single priority listing of projects is then developed for submission to HUD through the Collaborative Application. The priority listing, if applicable, indicates to HUD the renewal grants which have been eliminated or reduced in funding, so as to create one or more new projects through the reallocation process.

The Notice for Letters of Intent, New Project Application Score Card and Renewal Project Application Scorecard are posted annually by the Collaborative Applicant at <http://www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/CommunityEconomicDevelopment/CommunityDevelopment.aspx> and distributed directly to each prospective applicant that sends a Letter of Intent.