Policy: FY 2017 Continuum of Care Program Reallocation Policy

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Continuum of Care Policies

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General:
As the Continuum of Care (CoC) lead agency, LAHSA annually submits the CoC Program application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on the behalf of the Los Angeles Continuum of Care. In recent years, HUD has created an opportunity for CoCs to apply for new project funding by partially or fully reallocating funds that were previously allocated to renew existing grants within the CoC. Reallocation presents an opportunity for CoCs to move funding from projects that are underutilized, not cost effective, underperforming, or obsolete to create new permanent housing projects.

Procedure:
The Continuum of Care has established the following reallocation policies in the 2017 Continuum of Care Program Competition:

1) Recapture CoC Grant funds from former Supportive Housing Program grants, including Supportive Service Only, Transitional Housing Programs and Permanent Supportive Housing Programs from grants that demonstrate at least three years of underspending of at least 5% of the total annual grant amount, based on lowest amount of underspent funds incurred over the three year period and make such amounts available under reallocation for new permanent supportive housing projects in the 2017 CoC Program Application.

2) Recapture CoC Grant funds from former Shelter Plus Care Program Grants based on Public Housing Authorities identifying funds for reallocation and make such amounts available for new permanent supportive housing projects in the 2017 CoC Program Application.

3) Measuring permanent housing retention and placement against expenditures
   a. Single Adults: $20,000/permanent housing outcome
   b. Families: $30,000/permanent housing outcome
   c. Domestic Violence: $50,000/permanent housing outcome (including safety transfers)
   d. Transition Age Youth: $50,000/permanent housing outcome

4) Establish Performance Thresholds for CoC Program Renewal projects based upon approved 2017 Renewal Evaluation Methodology:
   a. 50% of points possible for Permanent Housing and Transitional Housing for Transition Age Youth (TAY)
   b. 70% of points possible for Transitional Housing projects for persons fleeing domestic violence
   c. 80% of points possible for Transitional Housing projects serving other populations (single adults and/or families)

5) Commitment to Policy Priorities: Housing First and Low Barrier Programming (HF/LBP)
   a) Projects are ranked using approved CoC ranking structure
   b) Projects ranked on the CoC Priority Listing will be evaluated on Housing First and Low Barrier Programming models
For reallocation purposes, HF/LBP is scored according to the response in Section 3B Project Description, Question 3a of the CoC Project Application (formerly exhibit II)

1) “Yes” response means meeting HF/LBP
2) “No” response means not meeting HF/LBP

Projects ranked into Tier 1 of the CoC Priority Listing not meeting the minimum standard for these models will be contacted by LAHSA to receive a focused review and technical assistance to adopt HF/LBP for the following CoC Program NOFA cycle

Projects ranked into Tier 2 of the CoC Priority Listing not meeting the minimum standard for these models, and unwilling or unable to adopt them for the current application, will be reallocated

6) Reallocate CoC funding for transitional housing programs serving transition age youth to fund additional permanent supportive housing projects. These transitional housing projects will continue to be funded through Measure H, ensuring a continuity of service and expansion of eligible participants and activities. To ensure CoC Program funds continue to provide housing and services to this vulnerable population, new permanent supportive housing project proposals for transition age youth are the highest priority among new projects in this year’s application.

7) LAHSA will lead a local planning process with community stakeholders to support any projects that have funding reallocated through the 2017 CoC Program Competition. LAHSA will report back to the LA CoC Board and LAHSA Commission within 60 days of submitting the 2017 CoC Program application regarding the status of projects that have funding reallocated through the 2017 CoC Program Competition.