Policy: FY2018 CoC Program Reallocation

Applicability: LA CoC and HUD CoC Program Funding

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Policy and Planning Department

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Purpose
As the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA 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.

Applicability and Scope of Policy
This policy applies to the operations of the LA CoC and all funding associated with HUD Continuum of Care programs.

Policy
It is the policy of the LA CoC to establish appropriate evaluation criteria and standards based on objective, performance and evidenced-based criteria. Projects seeking to renew CoC funding through the annual HUD CoC Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be evaluated on established criteria and against established standards. Projects not meeting community standards will be subject to reallocation, either in part or in whole, and reallocated funding made available to support new projects in accordance with CoC Board and LAHSA Commission decisions and the CoC New Projects RFP.

Reallocation Standards

1) Projects which have not drawn down any funds in the HUD Electronic Line of Credit Control System (eLOCCS) for the past grant term; HUD may unilaterally reclaim grants for which there are no draws, resulting in a loss of funding to the LA CoC.

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

3) Measuring permanent housing retention and placement against expenditures for Transitional Housing
d. Single Adults: $20,000/permanent housing outcome
e. Families: $30,000/permanent housing outcome
   Domestic Violence: $50,000/permanent housing outcome (including safety transfers)

4) 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 during the Intent to Renew phase and in the CoC Project Application
   i. 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
   ii. Projects ranked into 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