

Scranton/Lackawanna County CoC Reallocation Process FY2017

The CoC arrived at decisions regarding reallocation based on 1) data from the Point in Time and Housing Inventory Counts, Coordinated Entry since its inception in HMIS February 2016, the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) and 2) the priorities and perspectives of HUD and the CoC and 3) anticipation of the reallocation of 2 grants to RRH for families through last year's competition, and 4) performance and financial information from potential renewal grants.

Renewal Project Applicants were encouraged to look critically at all of their projects to assess whether they align with CoC priorities and provide the most effective use of HUD funding for Scranton/Lackawanna County. Further, those projects which scored below 75% on the renewal project evaluation as well as projects which returned funds were requested to either reallocate to a more effective project or to submit a plan for corrective action on strategies to be taken within the next year to improve project performance and/or spending.

The CoC Board decided that households meeting the definition of homeless, but not chronic homeless, would be prioritized via the following process: The majority of households presenting for homeless services do not meet the chronic homeless definition, but are in need of some assistance to gain permanent housing. The CoC's 2 PSH for families projects often have trouble finding a family which meets the chronic homeless definition when they have openings, however, there is no dearth of families experiencing homelessness. National research shows that RRH is an effective and efficient way to house individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis and support them on their path to permanent housing. Based on the CoC Board's analysis, mindful of HUD priorities, relevant research and the needs identified in the community, one of the CoC's PSH for families projects voluntarily reallocated a portion of its beds to RRH.

One project was developed for submission through reallocation with this NOFA, bringing the CoC's total reallocated funds to \$467,145 since 2014, which is 19% of the ARD. The 2014 reallocated amount is indicated in the consolidated application as \$211,337, 2016 amount is \$195,214, and 2017 amount is \$60,594. This process of reallocation demonstrates the CoCs commitment to funding programs which are most effective in ending homelessness.