

## **Rate, Rank and Selection Criteria Scranton Lackawanna County CoC 2020**

### **Eligibility for Ranking**

Projects that seek renewal for funding are required to submit APRs for their most recently completed grant year along with a cover sheet, which states the project component, number of proposed units and beds, total HUD grant amount and expiring grant number.

Projects that sought to receive reallocation or bonus funding are required to submit a completed grant application in e-snaps and a Project Narrative in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the CoC and reviewed by the CoC board. Projects that the board recommended for inclusion in the CoC's Priority Listing were required to meet all the criteria for new reallocated and bonus projects as outlined in the NOFA.

### **Overall Ranking Strategy**

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the CoC Board voted to use the following criteria for ranking projects for inclusion in the 2016 NOFA.

### **Renewal Scoring**

In order to rank all Renewals in a fair and impartial manner, using performance, HIC and funding data, the CoC has developed a point evaluation scoring sheet for Permanent Supportive Housing Projects, Rapid rehousing Projects and Safe Havens. The CoC based the criteria in the evaluation on the projects last submitted APR in e-snaps, or, if the program was completed and the APR not available in e-snaps, on the HMIS APR report and LOCCS information.

### **Reallocation and Bonus Process**

The CoC arrived at decisions regarding reallocation based on 1) data from the Point in Time and Housing Inventory counts and Coordinated Entry and 2) the priorities and perspectives of HUD and the CoC and 3) anticipation of the receipt of 2 newly awarded grants through last year's competition.

Analysis of the information at hand showed that the CoC would be better equipped to house all individuals and families entering the system with housing needs with a greater inventory of Rapid Re-Housing units for families. The majority of families in need of assistance do not meet the chronic homeless definition, but are in need of some assistance to gain permanent housing. 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, the CoC decided to reallocate its one remaining transitional housing program to rapid re-housing. Also, projects who returned funds to HUD were given the option to reallocate those funds or to put forth a corrective action plan to the CoC Board. Again, the area of need identified for reallocation was rapid re-housing for families.

The CoC placed an RFP for HUD Rapid ReHousing and Permanent Supportive Housing Programs in the local newspaper on \_\_\_\_ with the deadline for submission indicated as \_\_\_\_\_. Upon submission, three independent evaluators, representing various stakeholders on the Board reviewed and scored the proposals for the Bonus project on August 22nd. Based on the scores, both was recommended for inclusion in the CoC Priority listing for this year's competition,. These 2 projects were notified via e-mail on August 25<sup>th</sup> of acceptance.

**Final Ranking**

After the scoring of Renewals and New Projects using the scoring process outlined above, the CoC Board reviewed the ranking list in its entirety, assessing if the list reflected a strong continuum of services. In this review, consideration was given to the needs of subpopulations (e.g., veterans, individuals and families fleeing domestic violence, etc.), the type of housing services and the overall performance of projects. The Board decided to place all renewal projects first in Tier 1 in the order in which they were scored, with the rationale that they are all PH projects which serve the needs identified in our community with the exception of the one Safe Haven program (not a PH), which does have a high success rate and serve a population with a demonstrated need in our area. HMIS was also placed in Tier 1 given that it does not house any people in our community, but it is a necessary tool used to capture information about our homeless population and services, and to report to the community and to HUD on program performance. Finally, the Bonus Projects were placed at the bottom of the ranking list.

**Notice of Project Inclusion**

A notice of Projects to be included in the Priority Listing for this year's CoC NOFA was e-mailed to the full CoC membership on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.