

Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care
Board Meeting - NOFO Application
Meeting Minutes (Virtual Meeting)
September 8, 2023

In attendance: Alexis Kelly (Veterans Affairs), Andy Hurchik (St. Joseph's Center), Channel Kearse (City of Scranton), Eileen Wilson (Lackawanna County), Harry Lyons (Catholic Social Services), Joe Hollander (Scranton Primary), Kim Cadugan (Community Intervention Center), Krista Murray (Catherine McAuley Center), Lisa Durkin (United Neighborhood Centers), Nathan Morgan, (CoC/UNC), Nichole Rios (Valley Youth House), Peg Ruddy (Women's Resource Center)

Announcements

- A board equity survey will go out to all board members as data collection for the NOFO. This is a HUD requirement. Responses will go directly to the grant writer and will be anonymous.
- The COC will utilize Microsoft Teams as a virtual meeting platform moving forward. Nathan sent out new calendar invitations with meeting information.
- The Unsheltered Plan was approved at the last board meeting pending an interview with a PSH client. This was completed and notes will be shared the the board for review following this meeting. Feedback on this should be submitted to Nathan by Wednesday, September 13.

NOFO Renewal Applications Ranking

Nathan shared the ranking of the renewal applications with the board prior to the meeting. The scoring tool used was approved at the last board meeting.

Tier 1 is guaranteed funding. (93% of renewal project funding)

Tier 2 (bottom 7% of renewal projects) is funded at HUD's discretion.

APR data was used to score projects. Scores were reviewed by both Nathan and the grant writer.

NOFO Bonus Project

Two organizations submitted applications for a bonus project- Catherine McAuley Center and Friends of the Poor. These applications were both for PSH Projects that worked with a local housing authority. The applications were scored by a ranking committee and the Catherine McAuley Center's project had a higher score. The COC bonus allocation doesn't allow for both projects to be funded so the Catherine McAuley Center project will be included in Tier 2.

Andy recommended sharing information about the scoring process in the event there are questions. Thanks were given to members of the ranking committee, including: John, Channel, Eileen.

All board members representing agencies funded or applying for funded recused themselves from the meeting.

A motion to accept the ranking of projects for this year's NOFO was made by Alexis, seconded by Channel. There were no objections and the ranking was unanimously approved.

The next SLCoC board meeting will be Friday, September 22 at 10AM.

Submitted respectfully,
Krista Murray