

The Northern Panhandle Continuum of Care

A Collaboration of Homeless Assistance Providers in the Northern Panhandle

September 12, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as open, public notice of the results of the independent evaluation process conducted by the Northern Panhandle Continuum of Care (NPCOC) Review and Ranking Committee on Monday September 11, as part of the FY2017 Continuum of Care Program Competition.

On August 16, the Lead Agency for the NPCOC, the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless, posted to its webpage at www.wheelinghomeless.org an announcement regarding the release of the FY2017 Continuum of Care Program Competition by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on July 14.

In this announcement, the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless provided details on how to access the Notice of Funding Availability (or NOFA) which included full details on the amount and type of projects eligible for funding during this competition and the local deadlines established for the timely submission of a full and complete application package prior to the deadline set forth by HUD.

To ensure enough time for adequate evaluation of all project applications before the competition deadline on September 28, the NPCOC instructed all applicants to upload proposals on *eSnaps* for independent review by the locally established deadline.

After evaluating existing renewal projects on the basis of performance outcomes and progress toward ending homelessness, both projects were determined to be high-performing and not suitable candidates for reallocation. The Supportive Services Only program (which provides centralized intake and assessment as part of a coordinated entry system) is a required component for any community applying for CoC funding. The Permanent Housing for People with Disabilities program (which provides permanent supportive housing for homeless adults with disabilities) meets a persistent and ongoing need in the area, as identified in gaps analysis of the local Point In Time Count results.

The only applicant to submit a project application for consideration by the Review and Ranking Committee was the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless. No other applications were presented during the competition and no applications were rejected by the Review and Ranking Committee.

The Review and Ranking Committee evaluated the following applications:

Supportive Services Only by the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless
Residential Housing by the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless
Permanent Housing Bonus: Rapid ReHousing by the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless

After thorough review, all three project applications were approved for submission as part of the FY2017 Continuum of Care application for the Northern Panhandle Continuum of Care and ranked in descending order, as indicated above, for the FY2017 CoC Priority Listing.

In summary, three of three project applications were reviewed and approved by the NPCOC Review and Ranking Committee. No applicants or projects were rejected. This letter serves as open, public notice of the decision to submit the three project proposals prepared by the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless as part of the FY2017 CoC Program Competition.