3rd Quarter Provider Input Forum (PIF)
Wednesday, August 18, 2021
Let us know you’re here!

- Please enter your name, job title, and organization in the chat.
- Let us know what you’re excited about for today!
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Everyone is welcome!

We encourage your staff to join to network with our amazing partner agencies, as well as hear first-hand on updates within our system.

For agencies who apply/receive CoC funding: These agencies are required to have at least one (1) designated representative attend 3 of the 4 PIF’s.
Agenda

1. TWH Membership Update
2. NOFA Overview
3. CCHP Update
4. Breakout Session
Thank you for your patience as we review applications and prepare the membership agreement documents!

For those who sign and submit the membership agreement documents, their organization information will be shared on the upcoming new and improved TWH website.

Not sure if your agency has completed the membership update/application? Email Caybryn Southern at csouthern@homelesshouston.org.
CoC Program NOFA
The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;

• Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness
• Promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families
• Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
• Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) releases a CoC Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its homeless assistance programs.
• This process maintains funding for already funded programs.
• It also provides the opportunity for bonus funding that will allow new programs to be added to the CoC.
• The NOFA application process is done collaboratively, meaning ALL project applications are submitted as one by the lead agency directly to HUD.
• This is the ONLY way to apply for CoC funding.
• NOFA funding for the entire CoC is approximately $46 million
1. **CoC Registration**
   a. This is the process of notifying HUD that the CoC plans to apply for funding.
   b. Usually in late Spring

2. **GIW Released**
   a. HUD posts the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) so that each CoC can review the projects that will be up for renewal.
   b. The CoC completes the review process with the local HUD Field Office then submits the GIW back to HUD.
   c. Usually in early Summer

3. **Revised GIW**
   a. HUD posts the reviewed & revised GIWs
   b. Usually in mid Summer

4. **NOFA drops**
   a. Usually in late Summer

5. **CoC Consolidated Application is submitted**
   a. Usually in early Fall
In addition to submitting applications for each CoC project, the Lead Agency must also complete a CoC Application Narrative.

The application scores the entire CoC on several factors including:
- Communication
- Steering Committee participation
- Coordinated Access implementation
- Prioritization of the most vulnerable (severity of needs)
- Amount of funds reallocated
- HMIS bed participation & coverage rate
- Submission of all required HUD reports
- Number of homeless (PIT)
- Number of first-time homeless
- Length of time homeless
- PH placement, retention, & exits
- Returns to homelessness
- Increase in income
Impact of poor performance

- Even projects that are NOT CoC funded can impact the overall CoC scoring.
  - HMIS bed participation & coverage rate
    - If organizations have projects that houses individuals experiencing homelessness in any way & choose NOT to enter those projects in HMIS.
  - Number of homeless (PIT)
    - If the PIT goes up instead of down
  - Number of first-time homeless
    - Any residential project in HMIS
  - Length of time homeless
    - Any residential project in HMIS
  - PH placement, retention, & exits
    - Any residential or outreach project in HMIS
  - Returns to homelessness
    - Any residential project in HMIS
  - Increase in income
    - CoC funded projects only

- A low score on any of the above results in a low CoC overall score. This means that no new funding will be awarded & projects in Tier 2 are at risk.
CoC Project Review Process

1. A CoC ranking tool is used to determine how well a project is doing.
2. The tool uses actual HMIS project data, CA & CoC participation, & financial spend-down.
3. Annual Progress Reports (APRs) are pulled from HMIS to populate the scoring tool, as well as the other measures.
4. Projects are then ranked from highest to lowest scoring.
5. Tier 1:
   • ~94% of the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) will be placed in Tier 1 (Ex: 94% of $46 M = $43 M)
   • Projects are placed in Tier 1 starting with highest until all available Tier 1 funding is used up
   • Projects that are in Tier 1 are usually “safe” as long as they pass eligibility & score high enough.
6. Tier 2:
   • Remaining projects are placed in Tier 2
7. HUD awards go to highest ranked CoC’s Tier 1 first until all funds are used up.
New Projects

1. Can only happen if:
   - CoC reallocates funding from a poor performing projects or any that choose not to renew; or
   - If HUD allows for a specific amount of bonus funding.

2. New funding will only go towards permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing projects.

3. New project applications must go through a committee presentation that will review needs of the CoC, commitment to housing first, ensure funds are not being supplanted, & project has necessary match.
   - New projects must demonstrate the ability to match 25% of awarded grant with non-CoC funds.
   - HUD may issue additional requirements in the annual NOFA.
Updates:
Community COVID Housing Program (CCHP) & “CCHP 2.0”
The Way Home System Performance Using CCHP Funding
Total Number of People Served (as of 8/10/21)
CCHP - RRH Placements Tracker

Total Cumulative Housing Placements - Actual

Pace Without CCHP Funding
Households

- Families: 703
- Singles: 2223
Youth Data

- Parenting Youth:
  - PSH: 10
  - RRH: 37
  - Diversion: 34

- Unaccompanied Youth:
  - PSH: 26
  - RRH: 70
  - Diversion: 93
Location prior to enrollment
Race Data

- Black or African American: 74%
- White: 22%
- Other: 4%
Ethnicity Data

- Hispanic/Latino: 12%
- Non-Hispanic/Latino: 88%
Lack of 1 Bedroom

Graph showing a 46% decrease from January to July, with numbers for each month:

- January: 382
- February: 303
- March: 424
- April: 318
- May: 329
- June: 238
- July: 226
1 BR Barrier Buster Workgroup

Market Apartment Database
- CFTH provided access to www.apartmentdata.com
- New client contacts w/management companies

Socialserve
- Access to free email blasts
- They cannot take on new paid services due to being at capacity

Broker Incentive Program
- Recruit apartment locaters that would get paid per unit
- Marc E. working w/CFTH to identify funding

New LL Engagement Staff
- CFTH received funding from the state for new hires
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City/County financed projects
- Ray w/City & Renee w/County provided list of funded properties
- New properties coming online soon

Improve connection to owners
- Andy Teas allowing CFTH staff to present at regular HAA meetings

3rd Party Utility Payments
- CFTH has identified funding to pay utilities for properties that are not all bills paid
- Access to Reliant electricity portal
- CFTH to set up internal process

Parent-Leasing Programs
- Pilot with AFH to lease at properties and sub-lease to clients
Encampment Response Updates

Fannin
• 92 people
• 83 housed

Triangle
• 3 people
• All housed

Allen Pkwy
• 53 people
• 48 housed

Timbers
• 28 individuals
• 26 housed
• 6 individuals in Diversion

Louisiana
• 8 individuals
• 5 housed

Hollister
• 10 individuals
• 7 housed
CCHP 2.0

Advancing our System with ARPA
Breakout Session!
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Everyone will be moved to room automatically, if you are not moved to a room, please message Caybryn Southern.

Once in your breakout room, please assign a speaker who will report-out on your room’s discussion.

Breakout session will last 15min, then followed-up by a group discussion to report out.

Ice Breaker: Introduce yourself; say your name, job title, organization, how long you’ve been with your agency, and tell your group one thing that’s brought you joy during the pandemic.
Discussion Questions

• Has your organization experienced issues hiring and retaining staff due to COVID?
  • If so, what has your organization done to overcome those barriers?

• Has your organization had significant operational changes since COVID?
  • If so, what’s working and what isn’t?

• Are your staff working remotely or in the field/office? How was that decision made?
  • How has that changed in the past year?
  • Is it changing again due to the increase in new cases?
Thank You!

Next Provider Input Forum:
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.