507 Kalamazoo County CoC Renewal Project Supplemental Application for HUD 2022-2023 CoC Competition

Background

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, Indian Tribes or tribally designated housing entities (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)), and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. For more information click here.

The Supplemental Application is intended to demonstrate and highlight the alignment of the applicant's project to the goals and priorities of the Kalamazoo County CoC. The CoC is interested in understanding the ways in which applicants utilize or plans to utilize funds to tailor projects and programming components to address the unique needs and disparities, including racial disparities of the Kalamazoo County residents.

Order of CoC Funding Priorities

1. Permanent Support Housing
2. Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing- Rapid Rehousing
3. Rapid Rehousing
4. Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry
5. HMIS

Other Considerations

This CoC is especially interested in projects that address the following components, as reflected in the supplemental application and rating tool:

- Social Influencers of Health
- Two generational approaches with a lens on childhood education
- Inequities experience by the following marginalized identities, Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC), persons with living with disabilities, and LGBTQIA+

Please submit your completed application to CoC Director, Patrese Griffin, at p.griffin@uwscmi.org . The **deadline** to submit applications is Wednesday August 31, 2022, at 4pm. The CoC Director will send you an email to confirm receipt by the stated deadline. The

email response you receive only confirms receipt of the sent documents, it does not indicate a thorough review has been completed.

Instructions

For **each project submitted for renewal**, please answer the questions in their entirety. For organizations applying for renewal funds for multiple projects, please use the supplemental application to highlight any differences between projects. Do not leave any questions unanswered. If the question is not applicable to your organization, please briefly state the reason. Unanswered questions or questions not answered in their entirety may impact affect funding decisions.

Please type your responses. Written submissions may impact funding decisions.

Please submit your completed application in e-snaps. (Instructions to be provided as soon as they are released by HUD)

FY 2022 Project Application(s), including for each project application:

a. Project application, charts, narratives, and attachments.
b. Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility. All nonprofit project applicants must attach eligibility documentation to the Project Applicant Profile. If nonprofit subrecipients are included in a project application, sub-recipient eligibility documentation must be attached to the project application.
c. Applicant Code of Conduct. All project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200 and is on file with HUD at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conduct. If the organization's Code of Conduct does not appear on HUD's website, the project applicant must attach its Code of Conduct that includes all required information to its Project Applicant Profile in e-snaps.
d. The following HUD required forms are built into e-snaps and must be fully completed and electronically signed before project applicants have access to the project application:
    1. SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance;
    2. SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Application required for nonprofit applicants only where completion and submission of this survey in voluntary;
    3. Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Update/Disclosure;
    4. SF LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable);
    5. Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace;
    6. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities; and
    7. Applicant Certifications.

CoC Threshold Requirements

Please answer the following questions to confirm that the project meets CoC Threshold requirements

1. Does this project participate in Coordinated Entry?

2. What CoC committees/workgroups does your organization participate in?

   ☐Allocations and Accountability Team
   ☐Board of Directors
   ☐Data Team
   ☐Outreach Group
   ☐Shelter Group
   ☐Systems of Care
   ☐Veterans by Name List Meetings

3. Date of last organizational audit/financial review:

   a. Were there any findings? Please describe.

4. Please check the box that indicates the project type for which you are seeking funding:
   ☐Permanent Housing
   ☐Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing- Rapid Rehousing
   ☐Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry
   ☐HMIS

Rating Factors

Please answer the following questions to help us better assess your full application per the Rating Factors outlined in the Project Rating and Ranking Tool.

Project Effectiveness Factors

1. Describe your participation in Coordinated Entry including the percentage of entries into this project referred from Coordinated Entry.

a. When vacancy occurs within the program, does your program first seek to enroll qualifying households from the Coordinated Entry waiting list?

b. If no, please share why your organization does not enroll households from Coordinated Entry.

c. If households are not selected solely from Coordinated Entry, please describe the eligibility and housing priority process by which households not pulled from Coordinated Entry are enrolled in the program.

2. Describe the target population of your program.
    a. Does your program serve single adults, households with youth as head of houses, families with children, individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence?

3. Expand on how your organization utilizes a housing first approach and/or low barrier implantation as described in section 3b question 3 of the project application.

4. Please share the ways in which community members, housing providers, and services providers are made aware of your programming and eligibility criteria.

5. Please describe your targeted outreach efforts to inform individuals and families with marginalized identities such as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC),persons with disabilities, and LGBTQIA+, of the program opportunities.

Equity Factors

1. Does your organization have underrepresented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, persons with disabilities, etc) in managerial and leadership positions?

2. Please describe any efforts your organization is undertaking to increase representation within your management and leadership.

3. How many people with lived expertise in homelessness serve on your Board of Directors?

    a. If there are currently no members serving on the board with lived experiences of homelessness, please share any steps you have taken or plan to take to appoint this representation.

4. Do you have a relational process for receiving feedback from persons with lived expertise? Please describe.

    a. How does your organization center the experiences and feedback of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), people with disabilities, and individuals who identify as LGBTQ+?

    b. How is the feedback of the marginalized identities listed above reflected in your organizational policies, program policies, and service delivery system?

5. Describe any recent efforts to review internal policies and procedures with an equity lens, including a description of significant findings.

    a. Based on these findings, describe your plan for developing and implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers.

6. Please provide and/or describe all organizational or program policies and practices that prevent or address discrimination or bias on the basis of the following: race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or presentation, disability status, age, marital status, criminal history, and religious affiliation.

7. Describe any recent efforts to review participant outcomes with an equity lens, including disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability status, and/or age.

8. Based on these findings, describe programmatic changes identified as needed to increase equity in program participation and outcomes and your plan to implement those changes.

    a. In particular, please describe any specific programmatic changes that have been identified to reduce the barriers to participation and positive outcomes affecting Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) and the steps your organization is taking or has taken to eliminate identified barriers.

Positive Outcomes

1. Describe in detail the specific program components offered to participants (e.g., workforce development, case-management, transportation resources, educational support, homeownership opportunity, or services for special populations).

    a. Does your program offer services that address the domains of the Social Influences of Health? I.e., transportation, health literacy, education, food insecurity, financial risk, access to health care? If yes, please list the domains and describe their implementation within your program, including the organizations you coordinate with to deliver these services.

      b. If your case management or program components does not address Social Influencers of Health, please explain why and detail the supports you may need to implement these components.

2. Answer if your program provides supports to families:

Studies conducted on homelessness and its impact on children indicate that children experiencing homelessness are at a higher risk for experiencing developmental delays, learning disabilities, and reducing academic achievement. Please describe how your program uses a two generational approach in service delivery to help promote positive outcomes for all members of the household.

      a. If your organization does not utilize a two-generation approach in programming, please briefly explain why and detail the supports you may need to implement this approach.

3. Please describe the project's strategy for working with participants who are ready to move on from the program, including for participants who may continue to need rental assistance to maintain their housing, as well as for participants who desire to be homeowners.