

## **CoC Bidders Conference 9.28.21, 3pm**

### **Participant Q&A:**

**The COC RFP only lists RRH for DV bonus funds. Will the COC consider combined TH/RRH projects so that DV victim households can be housed temporarily while we do housing search for homes suitable for RRH?**

- If we have an applicant reach out for PSH we will likely not entertain
- Looking at our CoC housing portfolio, we need more RRH
- Will consider TH/RRH projects but will look at how you are proposing to fund it; we have minimal amount of money (unless the CoC decides to reallocate funds)

**Can you clarify the match letter. You mentioned both a MOU and Letter of Commitment...**

- If you are proposing to use a cash match then will need a Letter of Commitment on agency letterhead specifying amount and meeting all expectations as outlined in the RFP.
- If it's in-kind match (e.g. client services or support services being provided by a different department or different agency) then we need an MOU from the agency or other program describing the services provided and the details of the relationship as well as the letter of commitment from your program.

**Page 12 of the RFR under Leasing says that the lease must be between the recipient or sub-recipient and the landlord, but the slide said the lease is between the landlord and the tenant - can you explain?**

- There's two different funding line items for the bed/unit funding- rental assistance vs leasing
- If it's leasing, the relationship is often between a landlord and program and then there is an occupancy agreement between program and tenant
- If its rental assistance its tenant-based and the tenant enters into relationship with landlord

**Would paying for hotels be considered RRH?**

- In general CoC funding is not for emergency housing (unless e.g. something happened to the apartment and the participant needs to move into temporary housing while its being repaired)
- COc funding most often requires a lease in place.

**When will the new applications be set up for YHDP renewals?**

- Our expectation is that YHDP renewal projects will commence in October 2022 but the detailed instructions regarding project start is confusing and we plan to ask for clarification during HUD YHDP webinar this Thursday at 3:00 pm

**We don't see the Projects for YHDP yet in esnaps.**

- For most YHDP projects we agreed not to post the renewal projects until after the webinar so you can determine whether you will apply for a renewal (no changes) or replacement YHDP project (planned updates or changes to the application). Though, if your agency has already determined this, please contact Keleigh @kpereira@communityaction.us

### **Grant terms (page 14) can range between 1-5 years - how do you determine the grant term?**

- Speak directly to Keleigh Pereira, CoC CAPV Program Director, [kpereira@communityaction.us](mailto:kpereira@communityaction.us)

### **Is rental assistance also exempt from Match?**

- No-just leasing dollars
- There's pros and cons-with leasing dollars there is no match but you can't go above FMR whereas there is a possibility of going above FMR with rental assistance if its justified

### **Esnaps Questions?**

- Because CAPV is the CoC Applicant, the CoC information will be comprise the first half of your application
- If you have Esnaps questions reach out to Keleigh Pereira ([kpereira@communityaction.us](mailto:kpereira@communityaction.us)) or Michele Michele LaFleur ([MLaFleur@communityaction.us](mailto:MLaFleur@communityaction.us))

### **Five Percent for Administration is Low!**

- Admin funds are limited
- We have to use a modified indirect rate
- CoC CAPV will work closely with sub-recipients to identify some alternative ways to cover some admin costs (e.g. billing leasing admin to leasing line item)

### **What are the reporting requirements?**

- Subrecipients are required to submit and Annual Performance Report within 90 days of the grant end date each year and the CoC will assist with the submission process.
- This includes a report that's run in the HMIS or comparable database which includes outcomes such as the percentage of participants increasing income, the percentage of participants who exit the program heading to permanent housing, and the number of participants in the program at different points throughout the year.
- There's also a few questions for subrecipients to complete around financial expenditures, performance accomplishments, and bed/unit utilization.
- There are also CoC-wide reports which we may reach out to subrecipients about if clarification is needed.

**Comparable databases are being debated throughout the state, and one of the largest agencies in the state which receives NOFA funding continues to use Empower DB and has been generating the reports fine. There seems to be some conflict between the state and Empower DB, will you wait until all of that is figured out? It seems that it's still up in the air whether CoC-funded agencies can use Empower DB**

- HUD requires that DV providers use comparable databases and they will ask the CoC if agencies with HUD funding that use comparable databases are using HUD-compliant databases.
- Empower is a database used by some DV providers but we have heard from the Department of Housing and Community Development that it is not HUD compliant

- This is being discussed at the state level, there was an alternative proposed at a reduced rate but there hasn't been enough buy-in among agencies to proceed yet.
- There's also some conflicting information and who is required to use what and we're still trying to get some clarity around that