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To: All Morris County Community Agencies

From: Jeff Bashe, Chair

Re: Morris County Continuum of
Care 2016 Notice of Intent

Date: **Monday, April 11, 2016**

The Morris County Continuum of Care, a local planning committee charged with the responsibility of reducing the incidence of homelessness in Morris County, has begun the process for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2016 Continuum of Care Application.

In preparation for submission of the CoC application for HUD funding, the Morris County Continuum of Care Executive Committee is now accepting Notices of Intent from all agencies interested in applying for funding to support **NEW** projects through the Morris County Continuum of Care process. The notice of intent for renewal projects will be announced at a later date.

The HUD Continuum of Care program provides funding to programs serving homeless individuals and families in the community. Funding may be used for a variety of project types including permanent housing, coordinated entry and HMIS.

In the FY2015 CoC Competition, HUD identified the following funding priorities through which it would evaluate community responses to homelessness and project applications.

1. Strategic Resource Allocation – HUD calls for communities to critically evaluate all funding requests to ensure effective resource allocation. This process must include a comprehensive project review, evaluation of project use of mainstream resources, leveraging additional resources through partnerships, and reviewing the efficacy of transitional housing.
2. Ending Chronic Homelessness – HUD encourages communities to increase the number of units dedicated and prioritized for the chronically homeless.

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3. Ending Family Homelessness – HUD encourages communities to Increase availability of rapid re-housing opportunities for homeless families.
4. Ending Youth Homelessness – HUD encourages communities to work closely with youth service providers to identify the unique need of homeless youth and increase resources and programs available to address their housing and service needs.
5. Ending Veteran Homelessness – HUD encourages CoCs to prioritize veterans to the extent possible, in existing permanent housing programs with a focus on those veterans not eligible for VA funded housing or services. In addition, CoCs should coordinate with the local VA and VA funded programs to ensure access and opportunities for all homeless veterans.
6. Using Housing First Approach – HUD encourages CoCs and CoC funded projects to adopt a Housing First Approach which prioritizes getting homeless persons into permanent housing quickly and wrapping the needed services around them. Housing First approaches include low barriers to program entry, removal of barriers for program retention, client centered services based on goals developed by the household, and prioritizing those households who are most in need. A system level Housing First approach should also include use of a centralized/coordinated assessment process and an inclusive decision-making structure for system development.

In accordance with the FY2015 HUD funding priorities, the Morris County Continuum of Care will entertain the following types of proposals for new projects.

- Permanent Supportive Housing Projects dedicated to chronically homeless individuals and/or families. This may include funding for acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, rental assistance, leasing, services, or operating dollars. Projects may also request up to 7% in administrative funds.
- Rapid Re-Housing for homeless individuals and/or families. Rapid rehousing projects may serve homeless households who do not have a disabling condition. Programs will need to dedication services to those living on the streets or in emergency shelter as well as those fleeing domestic violence.

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Rapid Re-Housing projects may request short-term (1-3 months) or medium-term (3 – 24 months) rental assistance, service funding and up to 7% in administrative funding.

- Centralized or Coordinated Assessment. Projects may request supportive services and up to 7% in administrative funding to support communitywide centralized/coordinated assessment process.
- HMIS. Projects may request funding for the costs associated with the HMIS that must be carried out by the HMIS Lead.

For more details on the HUD funding priorities applicants are strongly encouraged to review the FY2015 CoC NOFA which may be found at www.hudexchange.info. For additional information on the Morris County local selection process please visit: <http://morriscountynj.gov/hs/wpcontent/uploads/2015/01/15CoCSelection.pdf>

Agencies interested in applying for funding must submit a **completed Notice of Intent by 4:30 pm, Tuesday, May 31, 2016**. The Notice of Intent Application Form may be found at the Morris County Department of Human Services' website: <http://morriscountynj.gov/hs/behavioral/continuum> Applications may be submitted by mail or in person to the Morris County Department of Human Services, 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 900, Morristown, New Jersey 07963-0900 Monday – Friday (excluding holidays).

Agencies submitting a Notice of Intent form will be required to participate in program presentations before the CoC review committee. The project presentation schedule will be announced within two weeks of the release of the 2016 CoC NOFA by HUD.

Call Shelia Carter at 973-285-6851 with any questions regarding the 2016 Morris County Notice of Intent process.