

Morris County Continuum of Care

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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, May 16, 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 **RENEWAL** projects through the Morris County Continuum of Care process.

The HUD Continuum of Care program provides funding to programs serving homeless individuals and families in the community. Projects may apply for renewal funding if the program was awarded funds for any CoC Program, SHP or S+C grants in a preceding competition where the program expires in calendar year 2017. Please note, projects that submitted applications in the FY2015 CoC competition that were not awarded funds in the recent announcement cannot submit a renewal application.

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.
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.

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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.

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/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/15CoCSelection.pdf>

All potential applicants for NEW and RENEWAL Projects must attend a mandatory technical assistance session regarding the 2017 Notice of Intent process to be held on Thursday, June 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor, Blue Room, Morristown.

Agencies interested in applying for funding must submit a **completed Notice of Intent by 4:30 pm, Friday, June 17, 2016**. The Notice of Intent Application Form may be found at the Morris County Department of Human Service's website: <http://morrishumanservices.org/behavioral/continuum.asp>

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.