**[GBCATCH CoC Ranking/Funding Decisions](http://feedproxy.google.com/~r/WMaNetworkToEndHomelessness/~3/3DF9rjkuUTU/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email)**

September 13, 2017

The Greater Bristol County/ Attleboro/Taunton Coalition to End Homelessness (GBCATCH) MA-519 CoC Application Ranking Committee has completed review of renewal projects in response to HUD’s requirement to develop a ranking and funding for each project to be placed in Tier 1 or Tier 2.

The CoC Application Review Committee met on September 13, 2017 to review applicant performance, current funding, HUD recommended rankings, and make funding decisions.  The Committee consisted of Kevin McCarthy (Bristol County Savings Bank) and Janet Richardi (South Coast Regional Network to End Homelessness). Thank you to the Committee for their hard work, and thank you to all applicants for working so diligently through the process. The following projects are selected to be included in the CoC application and ranked in the following order:

**Tier 1**

1. **Homes With Heart-$180,264.00 PSH-CH (Renewal)**
2. **Moving Forward-$56,690.00 PSH-CH (Renewal) (reallocation of $5,416 for HMIS)**
3. **Welcome Home II-$48,498.00 PSH-CH (Renewal)**
4. **Beacon of Hope-$67,082.00 PSH (Renewal)**
5. **Path to Independence-$87,362.00 PSH (Renewal)**
6. **Keystone-$25,304.00 PSH (Renewal)**
7. **The CALL Taunton/Attleboro and Bristol County$27,357** (**Renewal**)

**Tier 1/ 2**

1. **New Horizons-$262,266.00 PSH (Renewal) (reallocation of $14,857 for HMIS)**

**Tier 2**

1. **HMIS- (NEW) -$20,273.00**

**No Tier**

1. Planning grant, $24,306.00

**Selection Process**

The Committee followed a multi-step process to make funding decisions. Information was sent to all agencies and members of the GBCATCH regarding the NOFA and discussed in person at our bi-monthly meetings. Below is the information and schedule that was sent to the CoC:

***Greater Bristol County/Attleboro/Taunton Coalition to End Homelessness (GBCATCH)***

*Below is the timeline for the 2017 CoC Competition that we must adhere to. I have attached relevant material about this year’s competition and we have a great deal of work to do to meet the deadlines and submit a high scoring proposal.*

* *July 14th, 2017-NOFA is released*
* *August 15, 2017-GBCATCH RFP is released, letters of Intent due by August 28th, 2017*
* *August 15th-GBCATCH meeting to review NOFA-discuss priorities and the potential to reallocate projects, current providers need to send in most recent APR’s if available to Collaborative Applicant (CA)*
* *August 15th-August 28th -Work on applications and request help from CA if needed;*
* *August 28th- Last possible day for project applications to be submitted to Collaborative Applicant for review and opportunity to make corrections (HUD requires that the application be submitted 30 days prior to the full grant on Esnaps).*
* *Submit Applications to Esnaps by August 28th at 5 pm.*
* *August 28th-September 8th-make any corrections to project applications.*
* *Date TBD-Performance and Outcomes and Application/Project Ranking Committees to meet to review projects to develop Tier 1 and 2 Ranking based on performance and HUD guidance.*
* *All agencies who submit applications will be notified if their projects have been accepted no later than 15 days prior to the application submission to HUD (September 13th).*
* *September 19th -  Project Ranking process presented at GBCATCH meeting*
* *September 28th-   Full Application submitted to HUD*

*If you are submitting a project applications and thinking of making any adjustments/reallocation to your projects based on HUD’s priorities of serving those with a history of chronic homelessness in permanent supported housing or serving families using a rapid rehousing model (RRH) or the TH-RRH, or Dedicated Plus please include that in the Letter of Intent.*

*A Project Ranking Committee has been developed made up of members of the GBCATCH not receiving funding to review the criteria for Ranking in Tier 1 and Tier 2. The Committee will develop a proposed ranking of the CoC’s projects according to HUD’s priorities according to the instructions below:*

**FY 2017 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition NOFA**

**CoC Estimated Annual Renewal Demand Report (Revised 7/20/2017)**

As stated in Section IV.A. of the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition NOFA, approximately $2 billion of FY 2017 funds is available for funding. Carried over or recaptured funds from previous fiscal years, if available, may be added to this amount. Although the available amount of funding is expected to be sufficient to fund anticipated eligible renewal projects in the FY 2017 funding process, HUD will continue to require Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects in two tiers. Tier 1 is equal to the greater of the combined amount of Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) for all permanent housing and HMIS projects eligible for renewal up to $1,000,000 or 94 percent of the CoC’s FY 2017 Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), as described in Section III.A.3.a. of the NOFA. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC’s ARD plus any amount available for the permanent housing bonus as described in Section II.B.3.b. of the NOFA.

New in FY 2017, ARD is no longer calculated based on the final GIW for each CoC posted on the HUD Exchange. Section III.A.3.a. of the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition NOFA defines ARD as, “The total amount of all the CoC’s projects that will be eligible for renewal in the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition, before any required adjustments to funding for leasing, rental assistance, and operating budget line items based on FMR changes. The ARD will be calculated by combining the total amount of funds requested by eligible renewal projects on the Renewal Project Listing combined and the eligible renewal project amount(s) that were reallocated.”

The following information provides each CoC the Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), Estimated ARD, Estimated ARD at 94 percent (Tier 1), CoC Planning, and Permanent Housing Bonus amounts for each CoC listed. See Section IV.B.2.g of the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition NOFA for the calculations used to determine the CoC planning amounts and Section II.B.2.b. for the calculations used to determine the Permanent Housing Bonus amounts.

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| **CoC Number and Name** | **PPRN**  | **Estimated ARD** | **Estimated ARD at 94 Percent** | **CoC Planning**  | **Permanent****Housing****Bonus** |
| MA-519 - Attleboro, Taunton/Bristol County CoC | $810,198 | $775,196 | $728,684  | $24,306 | $48,612 |

*We are also hoping to submit a new project for permanent housing, or HMIS based on any reallocation as well as the permanent housing bonus. If any agency providing homeless services in our CoC is interested in submitting a new project please send an email to Kevin McCarthy, Chair of the GBCATCH by August 14thth at 5 pm in order to have the necessary time to prepare the application which will be due in e-snaps by August 28th. The amount available for the Permanent Housing Bonus will be $48,612 See attached instructions for letter of intent.*

A Project Ranking /Application Committee was developed made up of members of the GBCATCH not receiving funding to review the criteria for Ranking in Tier 1 and Tier 2. The Committee will develop a proposed ranking of the CoC’s projects according to HUD’s priorities according to the instructions below:

The Committee used objective criteria to rank all projects.  The criterion was provided to all Applicants based on HUD’s priorities for the 2017 competition and sent out in emails to all applicants and members of the CoC. The committee looked at performance outcomes, including working with the number of clients as outlined in the original project, recaptured funds, number of chronic homeless served, goals and objectives met, etc.

**Rationale for Funding and Ranking Decisions**

The two agencies currently funded to provide services submitted Letters of Intent to continue their Renewal projects and submitted them to Esnaps according to the proposed timeline. CCBC presented a request to the CoC and the Committee to decrease two of their projects based on recaptured funds. The goal was also to reallocate these funds into a critically needed Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project for the CoC. There were no Letters of Intent submitted by any other agencies for new funding for the Permanent Housing Bonus.

Each agency whose funding reduced will work with the Collaborative Applicant to amend their projects based on the recommended decreases in order to fund the newly proposed HMIS project.

The selected projects will be included in the CoC Application which will be submitted to HUD by September 28th, 2017. The Committee’s decision was posted on the Collaborative Applicant’s webpage [www.comcounseling.org](http://www.comcounseling.org) and the GBCATCH Facebook page, and sent out to the entire membership on September 15th, 2017 for final review. The Committee will present the recommendations to the entire CoC for approval on September 19th and by email.

**Appeals**

Agencies that wish to challenge the funding level or ranking of their project may appeal by submitting a written letter which states the reason for the appeal to Kevin McCarthy, Chair, GBCATCH, C/O Bristol County Savings Bank, 29 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780.  Letters must be received no later than September 21st, 2017 4 pm.