

Heading Home St. Louis County FY 2015 Priority List recommendation

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The initial recommendation for the FY2015 Priority list ranking was made using Project Applications and Annual Progress Report data, Letter of Intent information, HUD LOCCS unspent and recaptured fund report, and HMIS data quality. Additional strategies were used for Tier 2 including population served, total number of CoC beds, and north/south balance. There was recommendation to not reallocate any current renewals except the voluntary reallocation of 1 renewal - MAC V's SSO to SSO CE. Instead, the CoC should incorporate performance management and quality improvement plans for any project with a score of 50% or less using the St. Louis County Performance Management consultant. In addition, in preparation for the FY2016 NOFA, it was recommended that strategic data driven planning will take place to reallocate toward both the HUD and local CoC priorities through community planning in the coming year.

Tier 1:

- ✓ Initially grouped by score and program type then weighted by maximum score for each type – PSH/PSHRRH/TH/SSO CE/SSO
- ✓ Next, ordered each group by barriers of population served
 - PSH (CH/SA/DV/VETS)
 - TH (Youth/CD)
 - Priority was given to current HMIS/Wilder grant due to importance of HMIS
 - Priority was given to Coordinated Entry projects for building capacity
- ✓ The St. Louis County CoC had 5 project applications that have not contracted with HUD to start their projects and/or did not have a full year APR due to their project start date and the NOFA release. For these projects, the committee would like to wait until FY2016 to see how the full year APR & project application look at that time.

Tier 2:

- ✓ Due to risk in Tier 2, recommended balance between Northern and Southern St. Louis County projects
- ✓ Weight and score performance
- ✓ Due to less Northern St. Louis County overall project applications, there was less flexibility to find the North/South balance. All projects were ranked based on project type, priority population served, number of beds, and weighted score totals.

Additional recommendations:

1. Wilder's HMIS Letter of Intent has been rejected due to lack of clarity regarding how these funds will assist with building capacity needed HMIS aside from our current funding level of \$39,280. Taking into consideration Commissioner Tingerthol's letter, which requested CoC's to consider

increasing funds to HMIS as MHFA transitions to HMIS lead; it was recommended that when the transition takes place, the committee would be interested in exploring further how to increase HMIS funds. In addition, the committee was very interested in specifically what would St. Louis County be purchasing with the additional funds. Without intentional community planning, at this time the committee recommends not taking funds from our existing housing for homeless to invest in a transitional HMIS system change.

2. PH Bonus project recommendation:

- ✓ Projects were initially ranked based on population served Project Application Questions on St. Louis County Project Evaluation score tool. The following recommendation was made for projects to apply for potential PH Bonus funds in FY2015:
 - i. LSS – Center for Changing Lives - \$175,000 (+\$6,000 based on additional funds available) = \$181,000
 - ii. RTH – PH Chronic Families – \$234,000
 - iii. AICHO – Endazhi-Maadaajimon PSH - \$54,000
- ✓ PH Bonus projects were selected based on funds available, rank score, and project readiness.
- ✓ The CCHC project is encouraged to apply for the PH Bonus funds in FY2016
- ✓ PH Bonus projects will be ranked at the bottom or Tier 2 in the CoC Priority List

3. In the event that the MAC V SSO project that voluntarily reallocated to – SSO for CE receives funds, this project will be required to sign an agreement to contribute this grant toward the St. Louis County Coordinated Entry system.