

FY 2014 Review and Ranking Committee Rationale

Permanent Housing (PH) was of high priority based on Leadership Council (board) priorities, HUD NOFA application priority, and St. Louis County's 2013/2014 Point in Time count data trends.

In addition, at the December 2013 Leadership Council meeting, it was decided that renewal projects for the FY 2013/2014 application would be grouped into the following types for scoring and initial score order to compare like programs:

1. Permanent Housing (including PH – RRH)
2. Transitional Housing
3. Support Service Only housing types

HUD's Priority rank follows:

1. Renewal Permanent Housing projects, RRH and PSH
2. New PSH projects reallocated for 100% Chronic Homeless
3. New RRH for families with children
4. Renewal Transitional Housing
5. CoC Planning costs
6. UFA
7. SSO projects for the Coordinated Assessment system
8. Renewal HMIS
9. All other SSO renewal projects

The FY 2014 Ranking committee was appointed based on the following composition: Leadership Council members, Community members, AHC/RHC volunteered positions, and staff. This group received copies of all Project Applications in the SLC CoC, the SLC score tool, and project presentation materials. They met on October 14, 2014, from 10:00 – 4:00 in Cotton, MN. Conflict of Interest Statements were signed, and will be kept on file at St. Louis County PHHS for 1 year.

Although the amount of FY 2014 funds are expected to be sufficient to fund eligible renewal projects, HUD will require CoC's to rank all projects in 2 Tiers. For SLC, Tier 1 totals the CoC GIW ARD total of: \$2,988,641 minus 2% (\$2,928,868), which will fall into Tier 2 (\$59,772). Following an in-depth score review and discussion regarding each Project Application, Ranking committee members agreed on high value for all projects submitted in the FY 2014 competition.

Consensus was reached by all members to:

- Minimize the negative impact on housing units and existing clients served with our CoC resources.
- Avoid categorical funding cuts & preserving the maximum funding amounts as much as possible.

- Preserving investments in system planning (Coordinated Assessment, HMIS & Planning funds)
- Due to the high St. Louis County CoC score 138/143.25 for the FY2013/2014 application, Tier 2 projects of high HUD priority would likely be funded in the FY 2014 competition.

Following are the recommendations:

- 1.) There will be no cuts in funds for any of the New or Renewal projects with the exception of the 2 Rapid Re-housing projects.
- 2.) The 2 Rapid Re-Housing for family grants for TSA & CHUM in Tier 1 will be reduced by 23.15% from the initial project application, and asked to submit 1 new project application for either PH or RRH for families in Tier 2 for \$58,896. The rationale for this reduction and reallocation request follows:
 - Based on raw, objective score totals, the new renewal RRH projects were the 2 lowest scores
 - Zero current population impact for reallocating from these projects
 - Targeting RRH due to flexibility with rental assistance dollars.
 - With further recommendation that reduced budget line items proportionately between rental assistance verses support services operations.
 - Preference 1: 1 new PH for CH
 - Preference 2: 1 new RRH for families
- 3.) Tier 2 – The remaining 2% total will include the below listed projects. Due to the high overall CoC score for the FY 2013/2014 application, it is highly likely that these HUD high priority projects will be funded.
 - The Reallocated RMHC – PH CH (\$38,056)
 - 1 Rapid Re-housing or Permanent Housing for CH project – (\$58,896)

Process for decision making:

- Scored all applications with SLC Project score tool initially.
- Weighted score based on possible points for all applications equally regardless of project type.
- Re-weighted 1st time renewals (with no APR data yet) based on maximum points available
- Supporting reallocation of SSO funding to PH CH (RMHC SSO's - New PH CH) & reallocation of RRH projects due to high CoC score and HUD priority