

Email distributed to the Maricopa CoC, October 21, 2015

Dear Maricopa CoC:

On Monday, a group of CoC Board Members came together to consider options to fund coordinated entry for the Maricopa Continuum of Care. The group reached consensus on a number of issues and we wanted to share that information with the Continuum as a whole. A summary of the consensus positions follows:

1. The group agreed that funding a single coordinated entry project will allow the Continuum to distribute funding among the two providers currently operating coordinated entry projects and ensure flexibility to meet current and future coordinated entry needs. Therefore, the group supported advancing a single application encompassing the activities of the Family Housing Hub and the Welcome Center.
2. The group felt it was important to ensure a blend of funding to support coordinated entry, while understanding that this is a shared resource for all CoC providers. It was recommended that 75% of the combined budgeted amounts for each provider be the target budget in the application.
3. Projects will be ranked and considered for reallocation based on the following:
  - a) Program performance, as determined by the CoC-approved scorecard.
  - b) Underperforming programs may be subject to reallocation of their project funds but that the money reallocated would stay within the "program type" (PSH/RRH) to stay consistent with priorities articulated by HUD in the 2015 NOFA and the *Opening Doors* report, however, the actual project may be eliminated or be reduced to fund a new project at an existing high-performing provider.
  - c) In considering involuntary reallocation to fund the coordinated entry project this year, it was decided that the Ranking and Review Panel should recommend reallocation of transitional housing projects that are underperforming. Those that fall well below the statistical mean will be subject to a sweep of funds. Other lower ranking transitional housing projects will be subject to percent reductions. Furthermore, as a second layer, TH programs that limit their population served to one subpopulation (i.e., domestic violence) will be considered for reallocation.
  - d) As a third layer, the Ranking and Review panel will consider the geographic location of a project as well as the amount of leverage secured for the project.

The Ranking and Review Panel will now use these guidelines to consider the 2015 CoC Program project applications. Final recommendations for funding will be decided by the CoC Board at the November 2 meeting.