Project Review

The OH-505 CoC’s Program Performance & Evaluation Committee (PPEC) has primary responsibility for evaluating individual projects within the Continuum, regardless of funding source. Each year, the PPEC undertakes a review of CoC-funded projects using the CoC Renewal Applications that can be found on the Homeless Solutions’ page on the Montgomery County, Ohio website:

All projects are reviewed using 3 years of APR data from HMIS or from a comparable database for projects that serve domestic violence survivors. Specific measures include: exits to permanent housing, housing stability, length of time homeless, employment and other cash income, utilization, and HMIS data quality. Severity of needs and vulnerabilities of target populations are also taken into consideration, using the populations identified in the CoC’s priority order for housing and the vulnerabilities identified on the CoC’s vulnerability index – chronic homelessness, criminal history, substance abuse, violence and trauma, human trafficking, mental health issues, foster care involvement, unsheltered homelessness, and physical health.

Project Reallocation

CoC staff and the PPEC review performance outcomes for all eligible CoC renewal projects to ensure they are high performing projects, with an eye toward reallocating funding away from any projects that: are not well-performing; do not expend all their CoC grant funding; or that no longer fill a critical gap in the Continuum.

In addition, the PPEC works with CoC organizations to review CoC project budgets and identify targeted funding in well-performing projects that could be reallocated, using the following set of questions as a guide:
- Are there budget expenses that were related to start up?
- Are there CoC-funded services that could be provided by a community partner or that could be paid for by another funding source, including Medicaid?
- Are there CoC-funded services or operating costs whose loss would be felt but that would not greatly impact clients or project outcomes?

Project Scoring

Score sheets for the New and Renewal projects are available on the Homeless Solutions Policy Board website. The score sheets reflect the OH-505 CoC’s commitment to data-driven decisions.

Project Ranking

The OH-505 CoC developed priority ranking criteria for new and renewal projects. Starting with the priority populations established by the CoC Governing Board, the CoC reviewed data from a number of sources including, Housing Inventory Chart, HMIS, data from a comparable database for DV projects, System Performance Measure reports, and HUD’s new data analytic tool, Stella P.

In order to be eligible for inclusion in the OH-505 CoC Consolidated Application, projects must commit to implementing Housing First principles and to participating in the CoC’s Coordinated Entry system. All project entries must come through the CoC’s CE assessment and referral system.
Renewal Project Rank Order
Renewal projects will be ranked in the following order based on their primary target population, housing type, and Project Application score.

1. Chronically Homeless Single Adults – Permanent Supportive Housing & Safe Haven
2. Youth 18-24 years (unaccompanied and youth head of households)– Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing
3. Families with Children and Single Adults – Rapid Rehousing
4. Projects serving other populations or using other interventions

The CoC’s HMIS grant will be placed as the lowest project that is fully funded within Tier 1. The CoC’s Coordinated Entry grant will be placed as the lowest project within the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand.

Well-performing renewal projects *that continue to fill a need* in the CoC will be prioritized above new bonus and reallocated projects.

New (and Reallocated) Project Rank Order
1. Rapid Rehousing for Single Adults Ages 25+
2. HMIS Expansion
3. Coordinated Entry for Domestic Violence Households

Other Criteria/Considerations
1. Severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by project participants
2. Unique gap/target population served by project
3. Level of negative impact to Continuum if project were not funded
4. Availability of other potential funding sources
5. Number of households served and cost efficiency
6. Expertise and capacity of project applicant and any subrecipients.

New Projects – Additional Criteria
Project applicant and all subrecipients must have the expertise and capacity to serve the proposed target population and be at full implementation within three months of signing a grant agreement with HUD.

PH-RRH projects should incorporate the core components of Rapid Rehousing: housing identification, rent and move-in assistance, and housing-focused case management and services, including targeted employment assistance in a scattered site, flexible model without preconditions. Resources and services should be tailored to the needs of each individual.