



North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

bos@ncceh.org

919.755.4393

www.ncceh.org/BoS

NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Minutes

January 15, 2021

Regional Leads Present: Destri Leger, Emily Lowery, Bonnie Harper, Andrea Merriman, LaTonya Penny, Marie Watson, Denise Riggins, Melissa Elliot, LaTasha McNair, Lakitra Claude, Jim Cox, Tharesa Lee

At-Large Members Present: Ellen Blackman, Angela Harper King, Cassandra Rowe, Kelly Benton, Tiffany Gladney, Jeffrey Rawlings, Eric Edwards, Lisa Phillips

SC Members Absent: Kristen Martin, Arwen March, Teena Willis, Emily Locklear, Brooks Ann McKinney, Pamela Atwood

Interested Parties Present: Samantha Hall, Monica Frizzell, Natasha Elliot, Tonya Freeman, Joel Rice, Lori Watts, Gail Henson

NCCEH Staff Present: Brian Alexander, Debra A. Susie, Kevin McNamee, Andrea Carey, Ashley VonHatten, Adrianna Coffee

ESG-CV-2 Project Application Overview

Brian Alexander presented an overview of the ESG-CV-2 applications. There was a total request of \$10,932,532.00, and the CoC's Fair Share for this process was \$15,494,763.00. This was the first-time projects could request funds for administrative costs, and we received a total request of \$427,683.00 for admin. Staff reviewed application amounts against the Fair Share for each region. Three regions exceeded their Fair Share, one region equaled their Fair Share, and 9 regions applied for less than their Fair Share. Staff did not need to account for the traditional 60/40 split between Crisis Response and Housing Stability. The staff aimed to apply a consistent method for making decisions based on CoC priorities and precedent:

- For regions with application requests above their Fair Share, staff reduced emergency shelter requests.
- For regions with requests below their Fair Share staff increased housing stability application requests proportionally among the applicants.

All regions except for region 8, who did not have an applicant, were brought to their Fair Share level so all ESG-CV-2 money was applied for. The staff reviewed additional funding requests, that had been funded in the same category for ESG-CV-1 and new project applications, that had not been funded in ESG-CV-1 or not funded in the same category for ESG-CV-1. Most applications were additional funding requests; two agencies attempted to apply for categories that they were not funded for in ESG-CV-1, and they were not funded because they did not fill out a full project application. The criteria staff used to review full project applications was consistent with the ESG-CV-1 process.

Selection Recommendations

Staff reviewed four full project applications and used the same criteria as in the ESG-CV-1 process. Staff used thresholds, quality of program design and application, geographic coverage and Fair Share, and regional priorities and recommendations to review the applications.

Brian Alexander reviewed the four new project applications with the steering committee.

- The first project was Homes of Hope, and staff recommended approving their Emergency Shelter application.
 - They had a reasonable budget.
 - They are the only Emergency Shelter in their county.
 - They were funded through the 2021 ESG annual funding and met written standards.
 - They also recently completed the Emergency Shelter Learning Collaborative and have lowered barriers and provide housing-focuses services.
- The next project was The Christian Help Center and staff recommended not funding their Rapid-Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention projects.
 - They were not funded during ESG-CV-1, and Family Abuse Services provides similar services in their county.
- Their application demonstrated a lack of understanding of the Back@Home model and would limit assistance and not provide progressive engagement. The third full project application staff reviewed was Campbell Second Chance Recovery. Staff recommended not approving their Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter application.
 - They lacked understanding of the individual activities and eligibility requirements for ESG, and it was unclear if they were applying for Emergency Shelter funding or funding for a larger DV program.
- Their budget also included Street Outreach, but their application did not. Staff is going to work with this agency to help them better understand the program and the requirements for the future. The last full project application was River City Community Development. Staff recommended approving their Rapid-Rehousing application.
 - They were funded for ESG-CV-1 for Emergency Shelter and received funding during the 2021 ESG annual allocation for both Rapid-Rehousing and Homeless Prevention.

- They use progressive engagement and follow the CoC's written standards. They also serve a large geographic area that could benefit from additional Rapid-Rehousing funding.

Staff requested that the Steering Committee consider NCCEH's application for additional HMIS funding for HMIS Lead activities. The ESG-CV-1 application covered a gap for the HMIS contract from July 2020 - June 2021 and applied to cover the same gap for July 2021 -June 2022. NCCEH needs additional funding to:

- Build/maintain capacity due to increased requirements due to CV funding.
- Reduce the need to charge license fees for HMIS access.

Staff suggest pulling the HMIS from the Region 8 Fair Share, as the CoC did not receive any applications. Staff will engage Southeastern Family Violence Center to apply for the remaining funds in that region.

Brian Alexander presented the recommended ESG-CV-2 application slate for Steering Committee approval.

- A question was raised about the difference between the recommended list presented to regions and what was presented today. Brian Alexander shared that the list sent to regions was populated by what agencies entered in to the Smartsheet submission form. Some applicants incorrectly submitted the actual application amounts. NCCEH is also recommending that Trillium apply for funding in region 12 and 13 to meet the gap in fair share.

Brian Alexander reminded Steering Committee members that Regional Leads and Regional Lead Alternates cannot vote if their agencies applied for ESG-CV-2 funding.

Several Regional Leads and Regional Lead Alternates abstained from voting: Destri Leger, LaTonya Penny, Natasha Elliot, Marie Watson, Denise Riggins

Lisa Phillips made a motion to approve recommendations as they were presented today, and Emily Lowery seconded that motion. Recommendations for ESG-CV-2 were approved unanimously.

Next Steps

- Staff will notify applicants whether their applications have been approved for submission.
- Staff will prep and finalize the CoC Regional Application for submission.
- All materials due to NC DHHS by Friday, January 22nd at 5 PM.
- Staff will submit the Regional Application.
- Agencies will submit application materials directly to NC DHHS.

If staff received any appeals by agencies whose projects were not funded entirely, a Steering Committee Meeting to review these appeals will be held Wednesday, January 20, at 12:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.