

LEAC Minutes: 7/22/22 – LEAC consideration of Special NOFO plan for NC BoS CoC

Attendance: Eric Edwards, Alyce Knaflich, Rachelle Dugan, Jeff Rawlings, Laurel McNamee (staff), Brian Alexander (staff)

Presentation of NC BoS CoC draft plan for applying for a new funding opportunity through HUD:

Brian Alexander presented the plan, as drafted, for the NC BoS CoC to apply for, and implement, the FY22 CoC Special NOFO.

LEAC members provided feedback and asked questions about coverage and implementation across the CoC, the roles of an oversight agency and financial assistance administrator, clarifying the match requirement for this funding source, the strategy for implementing landlord engagement, the ongoing role of the LEAC as details of the plan continue to emerge.

Brian Alexander noted that the plan would be discussed again at the Funding and Performance Subcommittee meeting on 7/28 and come before the Steering Committee on August 2, 2022 and invited all LEAC members to attend. Brian asked if the LEAC was ready to approve the concept plan for the NC BoS CoC to apply for the FY'22 CoC Special NOFO.

Alyce Knaflich – motion to approve

Jeff Rawlings – seconded

Motion passed unanimously. The CoC's plan will go to the Funding and Performance Subcommittee with the approval of the LEAC.

Alyce: only 55 Co are eligible for rural funding. Are any regions not covered at all?

Brian: unsheltered can covered all 79 Cos. Rural set aside will cover all 13 regions.

Alyce: will the oversight agency result in in more jobs within the region? Who would be qualified to apply for the whole CoC?

Brian: DHHS might be interested, NCORR perhaps, NCCEH could also be an option but it's so much money that we may not be interested in being an oversight agency

Alyce: re: financial assistance administrator. Could that be a conflict of interest or risk of fraud when managing the money as well as recruiting landlords.

Alyce: clarify the match requirement?

Brian: this is for the oversight agency that applies for funding. Must provide a 25% match.

Alyce: with landlord recruitment, could this facilitate people moving across regions if there is housing stock secured in one region but demand in another region.

Brian: yes, this supports client choice. And if a client wants to move to a different region it would streamline the process.

Rachelle: FA Coordinator: is this a position at the oversight agency? Or contracted with a local provider like Thrive?

Brian: this would be a centralized position. Payments for financial assistance would happen outside the agency

Rachelle: so payment schedules, is the 24 hour window a check in the mail, or someone delivering and negotiating payments?

Brian: this will be electronic, as much as possible. Working toward an electronic payment model. Most PHAs are already doing this and shifting away from sending physical checks

Rachelle: “engaging prop owners across 79 co” is that finding units? We have to literally drive through neighborhoods to find units? How can someone not in the area do that work?

Brian: it may be a combination of people going into communities, may involve phone calls. But yes, this will need to be addressed.

Rachelle: so today we are voting on the concept. Will we later be involved as more details are happening?

Brian: Yes. There’s a lot we still don’t know. You will be a part of that process.

Rachelle: would funding a vehicle for outreach be an eligible expense:

Brian:

Alyce: should be very clear what the different roles are and who’s doing what, as well as clarity on process. Strategic plan should include how we are going to recruit more shelters and getting more people on HMIS. A lot of resistance to HMIS, particularly from shelters.

CE:

Jeff: agree that the term “Medically Fragile” is not the best but don’t know what to replace it with.

Brian: could use HUD’s descriptor “People with Severe Service Needs” once the workgroup is created they could craft a new statement. Would that be better?

Jeff: Yes. “medically fragile” brings a lot of things to mind

Approval

Alyce: what are we approving? The whole document?

Brian: no. the concept. Does the idea make sense.

Alyce – motion to approve the concept

Jeff – seconded

The motion passes unanimously.

FPS meets on next Thursday, 7/28 at 11:00am

Steering Committee meets on 8/2 at 10:30am

LEAC members are encouraged to attend.