

Planning and Investment and Program Application and Technical Assistance Committees

9/11/15

CHIP

3737 N. Meridian

Attendance: Tyler Stumm, Kay Wiles, Lara Chandler, Jeremy Turner, Alan Witchey, Michael Butler, Gabie Benson, Karin Thornburg, Courtney Purnell, Michelle Kincaid, Mary Jones, Phil Smith, Sandy Jeffers

Ranking and Appeals

HVAF has filed an appeal relative to their recommended funding in the 2015 NOFA. Their appeal as submitted did not meet the parameters for reconsideration. Phil and Alan will sign a letter to HVAF advising them of this.

The IHA/Penn Place Project

Penn Place project partners, CHIP and HUD met numerous times to discuss this project. Having it in our application would help strengthen our application. It would provide 20 subsidized units and an additional 18 units that would be filled from the housing wait list. However, this project faces funding challenges because of the timing of units coming on line in January 2016 and the expectation that CoC subsidies would not be available until summer 2016. Because the units would need to be leased as soon as possible, the project would not qualify as new and would not be eligible for CoC funding. HUD strongly encouraged us to find a way to keep the project as it strengthens our application because of the units which are dedicated to chronically homeless.

Since Midtown will be the service provider for the Penn Place project, they were asked if they would consider not participating in reallocation, instead using the funds that would be reclaimed by HUD to fold the Penn Place project into their existing grants and serve those additional 20 units. After much conversation and numerous meetings, Midtown agreed to incorporate the Penn Place project units into their existing CoC grant portfolio. Midtown will serve an additional 20 households with the funding they currently receive on their 6 CoC grants. They will submit renewal applications based on the original number of units funded under those 6 grants, however they will report on the original number plus the 20 units from Penn Place. They will be required to serve those additional 20 units in perpetuity.

IHA will withdraw their new application for Penn Place, however the removal of Midtown's reallocation dollars creates an approximately \$35,000 shortfall toward funding the remaining new and renewal projects. Adult & Child and Partners in Housing were approached about voluntarily contributing more funding to the reallocation pot. Both organizations agreed to take another look at their offered reallocations as they both felt they were somewhat conservative with their original contributions. Damien Center also offered to look at contributing to the pot since they are still in their initial 5-year grant term and are underspending, however it was felt that Damien Center should meet with HUD and the city Grant Manager to explore all options and see if the continuum might be better served if they increased their number of units during year 4 as is allowed by HUD.

The PATA will work with Adult & Child and Partners in Housing to determine how much if any additional funding they can contribute to the reallocation pot and ensure that they do not relinquish more than is necessary.

It was recommended that we begin strategizing about reallocation of funding that is currently going to transitional housing projects so that we have a solid plan when it becomes a reality and we have devised a plan to support the transitional housing providers.

It was agreed that the above described Penn Place/Midtown approach was a good solution to a potentially bad situation. It makes sense. There was general consensus among the committee members to proceed with this course of action. There was additional discussion about the need to engage IHA more with the CoC process and to encourage more active participation with us as a greater, stronger partner.

It was recommended that we issue a call to action through the CoC email for PATA members and a chair for that committee. Michael asked that if anyone knew someone they thought would be good as chair, or a committee member but were hesitant to approach them that they send their name and contact info to him and he would approach on behalf of the CoC.

Meeting adjourned