



FUNDING DECISIONS: HUD CoC FY2018 Program Competition

On July 19, 2018, the following projects were submitted to the Housing Solutions Board for the HUD CoC FY2018 Program Competition for Consideration:

Summit Pointe Housing:

SP-PSH Renewal \$67,127
HMIS Renewal \$40,000
HHAP Renewal \$33,020
SP-SPH2 New \$70,000+/-

The Haven of Rest Ministries:

Women /Families in New Life Program (WIN) Renewal \$68,654
Life Recovery Program Renewal (LRP) \$88,330

On July 19, 2018, the HSB voted to move forward with all of the projects with one exception, the Haven of Rest Ministries WIN project funding will be reallocated to support the new Summit Pointe Housing PSH project.

Considerations:

- Calhoun County has historically received very low points on the HUD grant, which puts the entire pot of money in jeopardy.
- Last year, through reallocation of funds, Calhoun County created its first Permanent Supportive Housing Project in order to best serve its homeless population and align with HUD objectives. Calhoun County was awarded the PSH funds and its points increased significantly.
- According to the HUD 2017 CoC Program Funding Awards: 50% of all HUD funding for the Calhoun County CoC is in two (2) Transitional Housing (TH) Projects which is the second highest concentration of funds in TH in the State of Michigan. The next closest percentage in TH is 28%. HUD is shifting its support away from TH.

"Since 2012, there has been a significant realignment in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program. Most notable is the shift of funding from transitional housing and supportive services only projects to permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects.

- *Together, funding for permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing increased from \$1,040,733,164 in 2012 to \$1,684,014,674 in 2016, which represents an increase of \$643,281,510 or 61.8%.*
- *Together, funding for transitional housing and supportive services only projects decreased from \$544,155,758 in 2012 to \$155,134,089 in 2016, which represents a decrease of \$389,021,669 or 71.5%.*

- <https://www.urban-initiatives.org/reports/realignment-hud-continuum-care-program-homeless-assistance-funding-what-are-outcomes>

- In order to assure alignment with HUDs funding intention and be more responsive to the needs of the community, the Calhoun County CoC must continue to provide more funding toward PSH through reallocation.
- On July 16, 2018 Nicole DuPont, CoC Coordinator, contacted their HUD TA on behalf of the Haven of Rest to see if a combination program would work with the two (2) TH projects for which they had been receiving HUD funding. The Haven of Rest was interested in terminating the WIN project and have that funding support the LRP project. The HUD TA said that that was not a possibility. The intention of

terminating the WIN project by the Haven of Rest signified to the Housing Solutions Board that the WIN project funding could be used more effectively elsewhere.

The HSB felt it was in the best interest of the community to reallocate the funds from the WIN project to support a second PSH project proposed by Summit Pointe Housing and thereby increasing PSH by 5 more units with supportive case management. Services in the community as a whole will be strengthened, Calhoun County will receive bonus points and have more money to provide services over all.

The HSB voted unanimously and fully supports this proposal and believes it will be better for the population we serve as a whole.

Voted:

Housing Solution Board

Chair, Matt Lynn-Director of Community Impact, United Way of Battle Creek & Kalamazoo

Co-Chair, Lee Talmage-Executive Director, Battle Creek Housing Commission

Alisa Parker-Attorney, Legal Services of South Central Michigan

Cheryl Beard, Site Manager, PATH Services, Michigan WORKS! Southwest

Abstained from Voting:

Secretary, Nicole DuPont-Operations Lead, The Coordinating Council

Kent London, Strategic Alliance Director, Summit Pointe / Summit Pointe Housing