

Lakeshore Housing Alliance Review, Scoring and Ranking Process

Overview

Each year, the Department of Housing and Urban Development competitively awards Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding to nonprofit organizations, States, units of local governments, and instrumentalities of State or local government through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The Lakeshore Housing Alliance (LHA) conducts an annual project review, scoring and ranking of local applications to the CoC Program. The LHA's Allocation and Accountability Committee (AAC) is charged with the task of using objective, performance-based scoring criteria and selection priorities to determine the extent to which each project addresses HUD's policies and the LHA priorities. The AAC is responsible for project review, scoring, ranking, as well as reallocation, if applicable. To ensure fair and equitable treatment for all projects, the AAC consists of members of the LHA not requesting HUD CoC Program funding.

Purpose

HUD requires each CoC to review the performance of projects applying for CoC Program funds, and to prioritize projects for funding by ranking them in order of priority to receive funds. Any agency applying for funds within the LHA local competition must comply with the published deadlines or risk point loss and ineligibility to compete in that year's competition.

Objective

The goal is to use HUD resources as effectively as possible to serve the homeless population in Ottawa County. All projects approved are listed on the CoC Priority List in rank order and based on that order are assigned to Tier 1 or Tier 2. Tier 1 projects are considered more likely to be renewed. Tier 2 projects are conditional depending on how HUD scores the CoC Collaborative Application and how the project was ranked by the CoC based on its performance. Tier 2 projects are at risk of being decreased or cut if HUD does not have sufficient dollars. A project may be placed partially in Tier 1 and Tier 2.

Ranking Process

Projects are ranked using the scoring scale in place at the time of the ranking process. Projects of the same type with the same score will be ranked by the number of persons served. As new projects lack this measurement, they are ranked based on the application and eligibility standards set forth in LHA and HUD guidelines.

Scoring

Projects will be scored based on the published objective criteria: CoC Compliance, Project Detail (including Housing First compliance), Data Quality (of HMIS or equivalent database), Severity of Needs and Performance Measures.