

CONTINUUM OF CARE

For Kane County

TO: Aurora/Elgin/Kane IL 517 CoC Members

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FROM: Scott Berger, Director, Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment



RE: NOTIFICATION OF 2019 PROJECTS ACCEPTED AND RANKING

The Aurora/Elgin/Kane Continuum completed the project selection and tiering process on August 22, 2019. Ten renewal projects were considered for inclusion on the 2019 Project Priority Listing. One new project was submitted. There were funding request adjustments with the new project. PADS submitted the Light House 8 new project using bonus funds in the amount of \$90,234. The CoC recommended that this be split into 2 new projects of \$54,141 and \$36,093. PADS accepted this recommendation. Light House 8 was going to serve 3 chronic individuals with \$54,141 and Light House 9 to serve 2 chronic individuals with \$36,093 equaling the bonus amount of \$90,234. These projects will allow the CoC to continue to reduce the number of chronically homeless. After receiving the lowest score of 66, Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans decided to withdraw their renewal request and instead will support the Enduring Hope project with non-CoC funds beginning on 7/1/2020. Enduring Hope's CoC renewal amount of \$98,138 was reallocated to the Light House 8 new PSH project, which was expanded to include 8 units for a total amount recommended of \$152,279. All renewal projects except Midwest Shelter's Enduring Hope project were accepted with the requested funding amount.

The CoC Board scored each new and renewal application using the CoC Program NOFA Evaluation Sheet which contains objective ranking criteria. All projects submitted were placed in order of scoring on the CoC Application Summary. This summary with the Ranking list is posted on <https://www.countyofkane.org/Pages/ocr/continuumCare.aspx>. Reducing the amount of the Light House 8 project allowed it to remain in Tier One in accordance with its score. The PADS, Inc. The Harbor project was the lowest scoring renewal project and falls partially in Tier One and Tier Two. The Light House 9 project is placed after The Harbor renewal in Tier Two. This placement results in the exact amount needed for Tier Two. Unfortunately, the CoC Board did not receive any applications for the Domestic Violence (DV) bonus funds that were available through this national competition.

Approximately \$2.3 billion is available in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition NOFA and although it is expected to be sufficient to fund all eligible renewal projects, HUD continues to require all CoCs to rank all projects, except Planning, into two tiers. The purpose of the two tiered approach is for the CoC to clearly indicate their funding priorities.

The tiers are financial thresholds. Tier 1 is 94% of the Annual Renewal Demand for current projects and 100% of the amount for first time renewal projects. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC Annual Renewal Demand plus the Bonus amount (but excluding the DV bonus amount). The Planning project is excluded from tiering. Specifically the CoC Board had to include project amounts in Tier One that would equal no more than \$1,666,843 and amounts in Tier Two that would equal no more than \$193,337. In addition, the Kane CoC was eligible to apply for \$180,468 for a domestic violence bonus project. No projects were submitted for the DV bonus though the CoC reached out to request projects from both funded and non CoC funded organizations. The Planning project of \$54,141 is separate in addition to these amounts.

HUD will select all project amounts in Tier One from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC before selecting any project amounts in Tier Two. Tier Two projects will be scored individually by HUD up to 100 points each. In Tier Two, HUD will select projects in order of point value from all CoCs. The DV bonus is scored individually on a different 100 point scale by HUD.