



Lenawee County Continuum of Care Funding Review and Application Process

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Introduction

The federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act reauthorized the 1987 McKinney-Vento Act with a renewed emphasis on performance and establishing goals and outcomes to end homelessness. To this end, the Continuum of Care (CoC) must meet and review funding proposals for state and federal funding to support the efforts of local public and private non-profit agencies providing services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The CoC will utilize the following process in order to ensure that the Lenawee County community is aware of funding opportunities as they come available and to review all applications from interested non-profit agencies.

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Once a NOFA is released for any funding, the CoC Executive Committee will post the notice on the below webpages as well as 2-1-1 or other like forums.

Lenawee County CoC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lenawee.county.coc>

Lenawee Collective Impact Monthly Newsletter http://www.lcmha.org/?page_id=927

Application Process

All agencies interested in applying for funding must write a letter of intent and send that to the CoC Executive Committee by the deadline listed with the NOFA announcement. This letter should clearly state what the funds would be utilized for should the application be approved as well as any program level data to support the success and/or needs within the program. The Executive Committee will meet and review all letters of intent. Based on the review, the Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the full CoC which project application(s) should be approved. If any member of the Executive Committee submits a letter of intent he/she will abstain from the decision making process.

Review and Ranking

The Executive Committee will review all programs based on the below criteria:

- Program Outcomes
- Data Quality – if applicable
- Compliance with the funders guidelines listed within the NOFA
- Current need within the Lenawee County Community

The program(s) that are approved to continue on with the process will then be ranked by the Executive Committee. The programs will be ranked to show the priority of funds needed within Lenawee County. The program ranked as "1" will be the program that is considered the top priority for the community with the current funding opportunity and so on with the last ranked program being the lowest priority. The Executive Committee will follow all guidelines of the NOFA and funding source when making any decisions and rankings.

Funding Approval

The Executive Committee will present a report of the review and ranking of the programs that they are recommending for approval to the full CoC. The CoC will review the recommendations and will then vote to decide who is approved to apply for the funding. Once the program(s) is approved they will be allowed to apply directly to the funder per the funder's guidelines.