

# Memorandum



**Date:** August 17, 2018

**To:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

**From:** Manny Sarria, Assistant Executive Director  
Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust

**Subject:** RFA Selection Committee Results: 2018 HUD NOFA Request for Applications

On July 9, 2018, the Homeless Trust made available a Request for Applications (RFA) for inclusion in the FY 2018 U.S. HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) program competition. HUD required all Collaborative Applicants to place 94% of their annual renewal demand in Tier 1 of their application. This tier is guaranteed renewal funding. Six (6) percent of the annual renewal demand is ranked in Tier 2 and subject to a national competition. Collaborative Applicants are provided points for strategically reallocating programs based on a comprehensive review of spending, cost and performance. HUD allowed respondents to consolidate, expand, transition and reallocate renewal projects as part of the FY 2018 NOFA. New projects were made available through reallocation, bonus and new this year, a Domestic Violence (DV) bonus category. Notice of the RFA was properly advertised in English, Spanish and Creole newspapers of local circulation, on our Facebook page and website, and emailed to our mass email distribution list. A Pre-Application workshop was held on July 10, 2018, and respective addenda was issued in response to questions submitted and the proposed reallocation of renewal funding. The due date and time for submission of responses to this RFA was 2:00 p.m. on August 1, 2018.

Seventy (70) renewal applications were submitted by providers and were rated by staff based on system performance, adherence to "Housing First" principles and the provider's ability to spend grant funds. One (1) provider reallocated a renewal Transitional Housing project in whole to create a new Transitional Housing with Rapid Re-Housing (TH:RRH) project benefiting youth. Staff rejected four (4) renewal projects that scored last on the ranking and would otherwise be at risk of HUD recapture. Two (2) providers opted to reallocate three (3) of the rejected projects to create two (2) new permanent housing projects designed to fill system gaps. The Homeless Trust also received one (1) change of project sponsor request and three (3) consolidation application requests.

As part of the Homeless Trust's Collaborative Application to U.S. HUD's Notice of Funding Availability, this solicitation sought \$1.8 million in new reallocation projects, \$1.8 million in new bonus projects, and \$1.6 million in a new DV bonus project as allowed by U.S. HUD. The Selection Committee received eight (8) New Project applications. Two (2) Permanent Housing applications, one (1) for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and one (1) for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) which includes short- to medium-term rental assistance, were received for the bonus category; four (4) applicants applied for reallocation funding category with three (3) projects proposing new RRH and one (1) proposing TH:RRH; and two (2) respondents submitted RRH proposals under the DV bonus. Six (6) applications were received on time and accepted by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. The Homeless Trust allowed two (2) providers, whose renewal applications were rejected, to submit reallocation proposals by noon on August 10, 2018. The RFA Selection Committee met on August 16, 2018 for oral presentations and to submit their final scores, attached herein. They recommended fully funding Chapman Partnership's CARE proposal and partially funding the Advocate Program's DV proposal under the new bonus category. The committee voted to fund Community Action and Human Services Department's (CAHSD) DV bonus application for the full amount available in the DV bonus category. The committee voted to fully fund Citrus Health Network's TH:RRH for youth project application and Camillus House's RRH application; and partially fund Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center's RRH application. The committee did not recommend funding for two (2) applications, Chapman Partnership's PSH and CAHSD's non-DV Bonus application. The Selection Committee gave Homeless Trust staff discretion to negotiate price and other application details in order to submit a competitive application to U.S.HUD.

The Selection Committee's recommendation for inclusion in the NOFA application is contingent on the approval of the Homeless Trust's Executive Committee, as well as U.S. HUD's approval. The recommendations will be considered by the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust's Executive Committee on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

We appreciate the Selection Committee's participation and diligence throughout this process.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Attachment

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RFA Selection Committee Members  
RFA Respondents