

History of Broward County U.S. Housing and Urban Development Application

The U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Homeless Assistance competition is offered annually. Lead agencies for Continuums of Care (CoCs) from across the Country are eligible to apply for these funds. Broward County is the lead for this area's Homeless CoC, and the application for the funds is a collaborative effort between the County and area non-profit organizations that apply as subrecipients. HUD award funding is based on project periods that are not aligned with Federal or County Fiscal Years.

The HUD competition requires CoCs to rank and prioritize all renewal and bonus projects through a transparent review and ranking process. Each project is evaluated on performance, utilization, and component type. Component types are Transitional, Rapid Rehousing, HMIS and Permanent Supportive Housing. In the application process, the CoC indicates its priorities using the HUD Tiers. Tier 1 projects are higher prioritized projects, and Tier 2 are lower prioritized. Tier 1 projects were assured of HUD funding as long as each passed the HUD threshold review. Tier 2 projects were not assured funding. Tier 2 were scored competitively by HUD on a 100 point scale and ranked against all other Tier 2 projects nationwide. The 2017 Competition stipulated ninety-four percent of requested funds be for Tier 1 projects, with the remaining six percent of projects ranked in Tier 2. Project ranking is approved by the CoC. There were two projects, (Broward III and Fort Lauderdale CHHC) lost \$841,102 which funded 56 Units/85 beds.

For 2017, the County CoC's application was for \$11.06 million. HUD awarded Broward County funding for twenty-three (23) projects. Nineteen (19) projects in the amount of \$7,647,750 are either directly administered by the County or are distributed to subrecipients through Broward County. The remaining four awarded projects were submitted for renewed funding on behalf of community organizations (CoC members) in the amount of \$2,159,528. As Broward County is the lead agency in the CoC, all projects for which renewal is requested must be included on the lead agency's application.

Four projects (Broward I, S+C Permanent Housing 100 Units, Rights of Passage, and Red Shield/Plymouth Colony) in the total amount of \$2,159,528 do not pass through the County and are received and administered directly by community providers (Exhibit 3). It should be noted the 2017 HUD grant competition continued to be highly competitive, with many Florida Counties experiencing funding reductions. The County was awarded all requested Tier 1 projects which includes a new Youth Rapid Rehousing Permanent Project, except for two, Tier 2 ranked Broward III and Fort Lauderdale Chronically Homeless Housing Collaborative Renewal Projects, a new reallocation project and a Bonus Project. The 2017 HUD projects provide the following housing services: 795 Total Beds (770 permanent beds and 25 transitional housing beds) and supportive services. The loss of the two projects created a loss of 40 permanent beds compared to the 2016 Award. Placements are combined with appropriate supportive services to improve potential for success with persons and families experiencing homelessness.