

The MS-503 Continuum of Care designates Open Doors Homeless Coalition as its Collaborative Applicant.

The Collaborative Applicant will;

1. Conduct all year long Continuum of Care Planning to include:
 - i. Coordinate the implementation of a housing and service system within the MS-503 six-county area;
 - ii. Conduct an annual Point in Time Count of homeless persons;
 - iii. Conduct an annual gaps analysis;
 - iv. Provide information to the participating jurisdictions located in the MS-503 COC to support their Consolidated Plans;
 - v. Consult with ESG recipients regarding the allocation of ESG funds and the evaluation of the performance of ESG recipients and subrecipients;
 - vi. Monitor the effectiveness of COC and ESG programs in conjunction with the MS-503 COC Review Committee.
- b) Apply as the lead applicant for COC funds, apply for planning funds, and provide support for the MS-503 COC as described in the annual Notifications of Funding Availability, HUD's COC Interim Rule, and any other rules and/ or regulations associated with the COC application and the COC planning funds;
- c) Operate the CoC to include:
 - i. Conduct monthly meetings of the full membership with written agendas and minutes;
 - ii. Issue, at least annually, public invitations for new members;
 - iii. Adopt and follow a written process to select a governing council;
 - iv. Appoint community committees, subcommittees, and workgroups;
 - v. Develop and follow the COC by-laws and COC policies and procedures that detail the responsibilities of the Governing Council, COC committees, general membership, collaborative applicant, HMIS lead, COC program grantees and ESG program grantees;
 - vi. Consult with COC recipients and ESG recipients and ESG subrecipients to establish performance targets appropriate for population and program type, monitor the performance of recipients and subrecipients, evaluate outcomes, and take action against poor performers;
 - vii. Evaluate and report to HUD outcomes of ESG and COC projects;

- viii. Establish and operate a centralized/coordinated assessment system;
- ix. Establish and follow written standards for providing COC assistance.

This designation was voted on and approved by the full MS-503 COC general membership on January 19, 2017.

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