

IMPORTANT NOTICE
CoC MS-503
- PUBLIC NOTICE -
CONTINUUM OF CARE APPLICATION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A GRANT TRANSFER

Open Doors Homeless Coalition seeks applications for the transfer of an existing Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive Housing program. The program increases the availability of housing and the delivery of services for individuals and/ or families who are homeless and living with HIV/AIDS in the 6-County region. The region includes Harrison County, Hancock County, Jackson County, Pearl River County, Stone County, and George County.

Area nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, or units of local government may apply. The organization must have experience with federal funds, have no unresolved findings, and participate in the MS-503 CoC Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Priority will be given to current CoC grant recipients. If selected, the grantee will sign a grant transfer agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) effective September 1, 2016- February 28, 2017.

The project budget line items follow:

Leasing of a minimum of 5 units, 8 beds (2 one-bedroom units and 3 two-bedroom units to serve 5 identified clients and their households): The leasing of units requires that the proposed lease be in the name of the applicant. Applicants may propose subleasing units to participants. **Leasing amounts are expected to be the actual rents of the leased units and must be under the fair market rent for the area and meet environmental standards.** No match is required for the leasing line item. \$51,058

Supportive Services: \$46,810; a 25% match is required for supportive services

Operating Costs: \$2799; a 25% match is required for operating costs

Administration: \$2581; a 25% match is required for administration

A brief proposal describing the applicant's experience, the proposed project implementation, and match certification will be due no later than **3:00p.m. August 5, 2016**. All eligible proposals will be reviewed and ranked by the unbiased MS-503 CoC Review Committee. No member of the review committee is employed by or sits on the Board of a CoC funded agency or applicant for CoC funds. **Proposals may be mailed to Diane Easley, Interim Chair of the MS-503 CoC Governing Council, 11975 Seaway Road, Suite B220, Gulfport, MS, 39503. The date and time of receipt of proposals are firm.**

Applicants will be notified before **August 26, 2016** if their proposal was chosen for the grant transfer.

Proposal Requirements:

Proposals should indicate the applicant's capacity to manage federal funds as well as the applicant's current experience with individuals, families, or youth experiencing homelessness, current services provided, and how the proposed housing will coordinate with existing programs and services. The applicant should describe amenities and transportation available to participants of the proposed housing program.

The applicant should fully and concisely describe the implementation of the proposed housing program for the target population: persons living with HIV/AIDS who are entering the program from the streets or shelter. Proposals are expected to be no more than 3 pages in length plus attachments. The proposal should provide detail on how the budgeted funds will be spent. Information regarding eligible expenditures may be found at www.hudexchange.info.

Please include with your proposal for review:

- Most recent Independent audit or financial review and match certification: should demonstrate experience with federal funds and contain no unresolved findings or no unresolved federal debt (threshold requirement)
- Copy of your 501(c) 3 document and Secretary of State registration certificate: must be current (threshold requirement)
- Copy of your SAM registration: must be current (threshold requirement)
- If a CoC funded agency, a copy of your Annual Progress Report and printed eLOCCS summary for the most recent full grant year: must demonstrate timely expenditure of funds (up to 10 points); APR outcomes will be scored competitively (up to 25 points); efficient use of funds (up to 10 points) will be scored competitively

- If not a CoC funded agency, submit a statement of proposed outcomes and proposed cost per household (funds requested divided by number of households to be served). Proposed outcomes (up to 25 points) and evidence of the efficient use of program funds (up to 10 points) will be scored competitively.
- A statement regarding the evidence based approach(es) that have been or will be implemented with the project. Evidence based approach(es) to housing and services will be scored competitively with demonstrated housing first activities scoring the highest. The evidence based approach(es) should be well described in the proposal (up to 10 points)
- A statement that any housing program funded with CoC funds participates or will participate in the MS-503 CoC coordinated entry, contribute to the by-name list, and prioritize eligible households from the by-name list (up to 10 points)
- A statement that demonstrates the applicant's level of prioritization for chronically homeless persons: eligible chronically homeless individuals or chronically homeless families are prioritized at a unit's turnover (10 points) chronically homeless persons or chronically homeless families are not prioritized (5 points)
- A statement regarding how the program/ proposed program coordinates with the overall MS-503 CoC system of services, to include mainstream services, to end chronic homelessness, end family homelessness, end youth homelessness and/ or set a course to prevent and end all homelessness in South Mississippi. (up to 20 points)
- A statement identifying the eligible population for the program, where they will come from, and how they will be identified. (up to 10 points)
- A certification of participation with the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS). If you have HMIS questions, please contact Patti Guider at 228-604-2048 extension 2. (threshold requirement)

100 points are possible. Project applications will be scored, rated, and ranked by an unbiased review committee.