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To: TCHC Board of Directors

From: TCHC CoC HUD Application Scoring & Ranking Committee

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Re: 2023 CoC Competition

The TCHC Scoring Committee reviewed the new and renewal applications for the 2023 Competition including the CoC DV Bonus. The CoC board approved the scoring tool used by the committee which was also distributed to the applicants. Four organizations participated in the mandatory training

1. Eastern Carolina Housing Organization
2. Sea Haven for Youth
3. Veteran's Welcome Home Center
4. Resurrection Restoration Center for the Homeless

Applications were submitted by the first three organizations by the deadline. Each organization required follow-up related to supplemental narratives. Both ECHO and Sea Have responded within 24 hours. Veteran's Welcome Home provide information the following week, due to Labor Day weekend.

The following is the 2023 HUD funding allocation for this CoC:

CoC Number and Name	PPRN	Estimated ARD	Tier 1	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus	CoC Planning
SC-503 Myrtle Beach, Sumter City & County CoC	\$4,250,880	\$3,232,042	\$3,005,799	\$297,562	\$425,088	\$212,544

Rank	Weighted Score	Raw Score	Tier 1		
1	100	100	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	Dedicated HMIS	\$128,767.00
2	100	100	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	CoC Coordinated Entry	\$88,924.00
3	96.24	179	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	DV Bonus Renewing Beyons Shelter	\$541,329.00
4	94.11	174.1	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	Housing First PH4	\$299,322.00
5	91.08	168.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	PSH Consolidated	\$847,218.00
6	91.02	169.3	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	Renewing Beyond Shelter TH/RRH	\$144,717.00
7	89.52	166.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	Housing First to Awakenings Expansion	\$396,541.00
8	85.37	162.2	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	ECHO PRIORITY RRH 1	\$197,106.00
9	85.37	162.2	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	RRH-1 Expansion	\$101,596.00
10	77.11	146.5	Sea Haven, Inc.	Sea Haven Rapid Rehousing FY2022	\$245,342.00
11	97.46	134.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	CES Expansion	\$14,937.00
			Tier 2		
12	97.46	134.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	CES Expansion	\$187,463.00
13	79.84	148.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	Kershaw Renewing Beyond Shelter	\$241,180.00
14	97.46	134.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	HMIS Expansion	\$95,162.00

15	92.12	159.5	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	DV BONUS RRH	\$424,980.00
16	68.5	118.5	Sea Haven	Rapid Rehousing 2`	\$104,134.00
			Applications Not Meeting Threshold Review		
n/a	TH	TH	Housing for Homeless Veterans	Housing for Homeless Veterans	\$101,198.00

The scores for renewal applications are based mainly on Annual Performance Review data for each grant and does not take into consideration local funding priorities, needs, or maximizing HUD funding allocations. HUD, in recent years has also added a number of points related to equity and persons with lived experience participating in the process as well as governance the decision making within the agencies.

All applicants were required to submit their full application in e-snaps and email a copy to the TCHC secretary. Supplemental information is requested to score these criteria, They are also required to include financial information along with agency policies and procedures which illustrate how the organizations are compliant with HUD requirements. Tier 1 was funded at a lower amount than the Annual Renewal Demand, requiring the CoC to review the scores and determine which applications would meet the local demand.

The new application CES Expansion grant meets a current need across the continuum, to increase outreach and cultivate clients in rural communities as well as targeted communities (DV & YYA). The review committee thought that it would be important to put a portion of that grant into Tier 1. It bumped the Kershaw DV Bonus grant into tier 2. ECHO had indicated previously that as a part of this round they would be consolidating the DV grants. The strategy here, is that HUD allows us to also pull the Kershaw DV grant into that consolidation process. So, even though the Kershaw is not necessarily the lowest scoring renewal this year, it is being recommended to be moved into Tier 2 with the hopes that HUD will allow the CoC to maintain more Tier 2 funding.

Applications Not Meeting Threshold Review

After a review of the Veteran Welcome Home and Resource Center's (VWHRC) application attachments the CoC Ranking and Scoring Committee along with the TA reviewers determined that the new project application titled Housing for Homeless Veterans FY2023 does not meet the local CoC threshold of being Housing First and/or Low Barrier. VWHRC's Fair Housing Policy states that applicants will be required to undergo a credit check. This credit check is reviewed prior to determining if the client is approved or denied. This policy can be found on page 3 under the Credit Verification section.

In the new project application, the Hutton House is designated as the Transitional Housing (TH) unit for the project. The Hutton House Intake form lists the rules of the house. In the rules it states that participants will "submit to random drug tests and that if even one test is positive after moving in the participant will be asked to vacate". This goes against the Housing First philosophy that participants are given second chance opportunities and that violation of rules are first addressed through case management tactics instead of immediate discharge.

The rules also state that participants will "develop an individualized Veteran plan with VWHRC staff and make progress on it". This rule for the Hutton House is in conflict with the new project application submitted. Question 5c on page 28 of the new project e-snaps application asks applicants whether the project will prevent program termination and lists out multiple reasons. VWHRC selected that they will prevent program termination for a participant's failure to make progress on a service plan. The Hutton House Intake form states that failure to adhere to the rules will lead to the participants eviction. Additionally, there were additional concerns about the requirements that Veterans serve for an established and uninterrupted period of service and are honorably discharged are also included in that criteria.