

## NC 504 ESG 2017 Competition Announcement

In order to move the process forward in a timely manner, the Guilford County Continuum of Care (CoC) is releasing the Request For Proposals (RFP) for the CoC's 2017 State of North Carolina ESG funding opportunities.

The State of North Carolina's 2016 ESG rules and requirements will guide this competition. **Please review this document before submitting an application.** Any necessary adaptations to our local process will be made when the State releases its 2017 application and guidance this Fall.

Please note-

- Application materials are due ***Friday, September 22nd, 2017 by 5pm.*** Please email all application materials to [info@partnersendinghomelessness.org](mailto:info@partnersendinghomelessness.org).
- ***Renewal Rapid Rehousing Programs*** - Currently funded Rapid Rehousing programs will only need to fill out the State ESG application documents described in the NC-504 2017 ESG Competition Announcement, the new RRH Logic Model, and Compliance Checklist.
- ***New Rapid Rehousing Applicants*** - New programs applying for Rapid Rehousing will need to complete a full PEH Grant Application, State ESG application documents described in the NC-504 2017 ESG Competition Announcement, and RRH Logic Model. New RRH applicants must contact Gwen Dale Taylor ([gwen@partnersendinghomelessness.org](mailto:gwen@partnersendinghomelessness.org)) to receive the PEH grant materials. Please note there may not be funding available for new applicants. We will not know this until the State releases their 2017 ESG Competition Guidelines. For reference in 2016 the CoC awarded \$221,069 for all Rapid Rehousing projects.
- ***Renewal Emergency Shelter (ES) Programs*** - Currently funded Emergency Shelter programs will only need to fill out the State ESG application documents described in the NC-504 2017 ESG Competition Announcement, the new RRH Logic Model, and Compliance Checklist.
- ***New Emergency Shelter (ES) Programs*** - New programs applying for Emergency Shelter programs will need to complete a full PEH Grant Application, State ESG application documents described in the NC-504 2017 ESG Competition Announcement, and RRH Logic Model. New Emergency Shelter program applicants must contact Gwen Dale Taylor ([gwen@partnersendinghomelessness.org](mailto:gwen@partnersendinghomelessness.org)) to receive the PEH grant materials. Please note there may not be funding available for new applicants. We will not know this until the State releases their 2017 ESG Competition Guidelines. For reference in 2016 the CoC awarded \$23,381 for all Shelters.
- ***All Renewal Applicants*** - please provide 3 budgets- one with your '16-'17 allocation, a second with a 25% increase, and a third with a 25% decrease in funding.
- ***All New applicants*** - please submit one budget request. Please keep in mind that in 2016 the average Shelter award was \$11,874. For new RRH applicants, please provide a budget appropriate for the number of households you plan to serve in '17-'18.

- Budgets are used as samples for the Guilford County CoC to consider and do not imply these are the amounts that will be funded. Agencies are not guaranteed funding based on historical precedent.
- **CoC HMIS** - The CoC's HMIS costs will continue to be funded through ESG.
- **Coordinated Entry** - Costs for this program will be incorporated into ESG funding

**Please read the State's 2017 program description guide** (when it becomes available) for funding eligibility. Please ensure your agency meets all State requirements and has the capacity to administer these funds according to the State's specifications.

### **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Guiding Principals and Standards**

Programs wishing to apply and receive funding through Partners Ending Homelessness must agree to the following:

#### Core Concepts

- Programs must:
  - Provide case management in the clients home (or on occasion other natural settings- Laundromat, grocery store etc.) at least bi-weekly for the duration of the program
  - Hold tenant(s) accountable for paying rent full and on time. This will be done in conjunction with the Rapid Rehousing program until such time as the client(s) demonstrate the ability to pay rent fully and on time.
  - Collaborate with other community resources as needed/wanted by the client
- Individuals are not required to have income, participate in treatment, practice sobriety, or be "housing ready" in any way as a program prerequisite.
- Clients will be fully involved in housing location based upon availability, affordability, and landlord approval. Clients will not be coerced into choosing a particular unit.
- Clients determine frequency, type, and duration of supports within the general program expectations. Clients can refuse services at any time. The Rapid Rehousing program will establish protocols to close a client's file, following all applicable laws, if the participant is deemed to have left the program.

#### Intake

- All referrals for Rapid Re-Housing clients will come through the CoC's Coordinated Entry system.
- All Rapid Rehousing programs will participate in the Coordinated Entry process.
- Selection for Rapid Re-Housing will use VI-SPDAT scoring as a guide to program entry.
- Households falling in the "Rapid Re-Housing Range" will be prioritized based upon (1) acuity level and (2) known mitigating circumstances. Households whose scores fall just above the Rapid Re-Housing range may be considered for RRH on a case-by-case basis.
- Agencies will follow HUD's definition of families as released in 2016. See 24 CFR § 5.106.
- Programs will fully explain what Rapid Rehousing is and is not prior to client deciding to participate. Clients and case managers will jointly sign a program overview document describing expectations, responsibilities, and process for both the client and the program.

## Case Management Practices

- Rapid Rehousing programs will complete a Full SPDAT on all program participants at the designated times prescribed in the SPDAT manual and trainings.
- The Rapid Re-Housing Program will use the SPDAT as the Case Management tool following the “Excellence in Housing Based Case Management” trainings provided by Orgcode Consulting.
- Programs will be expected to use the following tools as taught and provided by Orgcode Consulting as evidence of following the case management curriculum:
  - Crisis Plan
  - Risk Assessment Tool (or the comparable ESG tool)
  - Honest Monthly Budget
  - Personal Guest Policy
  - Exit Plan
  - Individualized Service Plan (following guidance in supporting materials folder)
- Housing case management must encourage greater autonomy focused on housing and life stability without additional support over time, not dependence on staff or programs.
- Case Management support will comply with all relevant legislation
- **If clients lose housing, rapid rehousing supports will continue. There is no limit on the number of times a client can be rehoused, subject to their participation in case management.**

### ***For 2017 ESG Grant competition, all RRH applicants must provide:***

1. A 1-2 page narrative **briefly** describing how these standards *have been* or *will be* incorporated into the agencies Rapid Rehousing Program.
2. A 1-page summary of the supervision plan to ensure the above standards are implemented consistently and effectively (renewal applicants may use previously submitted plan).
3. ESG Rapid Rehousing Logic Model - Renewal programs should fill out required data based only on the ESG Funded Rapid Rehousing program provided by your agency. Do not include data from other housing programs funded through other sources. New programs should write “N/A” in sections requiring historical data.
4. A statement, on organizational letterhead, signed and dated by the Executive Director and Board Chair attesting to the organizations commitment to adhere to the “Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Guiding Principals and Standards” as written in the NC-504 2017 ESG Competition Announcement

All Rapid Rehousing program wishing to apply for ESG funding may be invited to an interview with the SPE Committee. PEH staff will be in touch to schedule and provide context. At this interview a site visit may be set up with all renewal programs to check client folders, review client related program materials, and interview program staff.