

Montgomery County Continuum of Care CoC Program - Ranking and Selection Process

Each year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates funding for homeless assistance programs through the Continuum of Care (CoC) competition process. In order to receive funding, each Continuum of Care must submit a consolidated application for funding that describes how local activities meet or exceed HUD requirements and are aligned with community needs. The CoC is required to rank in order of priority funding requests from all eligible providers. The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting as the Collaborative Applicant for the Montgomery County MD Continuum of Care, is responsible for coordinating this process and submitting a Consolidated Application on behalf of the Montgomery County CoC. Each year DHHS reviews HUD requirements and priorities for funding under the Continuum of Care Competition.

The CoC Allocation Committee is responsible for reviewing and ranking project applications to be included as part of the Consolidated Application. Members include a range of public and private stakeholders representing the CoC. Members cannot be an employee, board member or volunteer of a project applicant that is requesting new or renewal funding.

DHHS Special Needs Housing as the CoC Collaborative Applicant supports the committee but is not a voting member. The Collaborative Applicant identifies HUD requirements and priorities for funding, compiles materials for each renewal project, announces funding availability to agencies interested in submitting new projects, develops an evaluation tool used to rate projects, schedules Allocation Committee meetings to conduct the review process, and provides technical assistance to applicants. All providers wishing to receive Continuum of Care funding must submit a project application and supplemental information including but not limited to Annual Performance Reports (APRs), monitoring findings and other requested materials.

Members of the Allocation Committee will review information related to the needs of the CoC such as the most recent housing inventory chart, Point-in-Time data, federal priorities & identified service gaps. Committee members will review renewal projects based on utilization, outcome performance, Continuum of Care priority needs, alignment with HUD priorities, and compliance with HUD funding requirements. New bonus project applications will be reviewed for project quality in alignment of HUD priorities and priority to Continuum of Care. Each Project Application will be scored individually with ranking priority determined by committee consensus. All applicants will be notified directly regarding the recommendations of the Allocation Committee.

Refer Competition and Project Application Instructions on ICH website for detailed application instructions and information about specific criteria to be assessed.