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DHHS monitors emergency shelter availability & placement. The CoC adopted its Coordinated Entry Systems (CES) Policy and Procedures in Jan. 2018. Through coordinated entry, any household is assessed utilizing standard screening tools that indicate vulnerability and needs. All providers meet regularly to review the CES homeless list for adult singles and families with minor children. Households are matched with the appropriate permanent housing option that best meet their needs. Prioritization of households are made for those most vulnerable.

Common assessment tools are used to screen, assess & refer households to all emergency, transitional & permanent housing programs. The tools cover housing history, financial/social supports, health status, service needs & barriers to housing. Providers enter the assessment into HMIS to promote coordination.

The system is advertised via the County's 311 phone line, DHHS website, community events, & training for service providers.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

N/A. Montgomery County administers ESG funds directly and does not make subawards.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must develop a plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The Interagency Commission on Homelessness, which is the CoC Governing board, is required to have at least one homeless or formerly homeless person as a board member.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Performance standards for Rapid Re-housing are aligned with the Continuum of Care standards and include percent of participants increasing income while in permanent housing and percent of recipients maintained in permanent housing.