

Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2024

In attendance: Andy Hurchick (St. Joseph's Center), Channel Kearse (City of Scranton), Eileen Wilson (Community Intervention Center), Harry Lyons (Catholic Social Services), Joe Hollander (Scranton Primary), John Byrd (NorthPenn Legal), Lisa Durkin (United Neighborhood Centers), Nathan Morgan, (CoC Director), Nichole Rios (Valley Youth House), Peg Ruddy (Women's Resource Center), Rachna Saxena (Lackawanna County)

Chair: Joe Hollander (Scranton Primary)

Approval of Minutes

Harry L. approved the minutes from the July meeting. Channel K. seconded the motion. The motion carried; there were no objections.

2024 CoC NOFO

- HUD shifted to a 2-year funding cycle. This year's application will request funds for FY2024-2025 and FY2025-2026
- In 2025, agencies may need to resubmit renewal applications to HUD. Renewal project funding may change slightly in FY2025-2026 depending on next year's congressional budget
- Tier 1 90% ARD or \$3.4 million
- Tier 2 10% ARD or \$371 thousand

CoC NOFO Application Materials

- The following CoC NOFO Application Materials were distributed to the board for review
 - CoC Program Project Rating and Ranking Tool
 - Renewal Project Scoring Guide 2024
 - New Project Application 2024
 - New Project Scoring Tool 2024
- CoC Program Project Rating and Ranking Tool will remain unaltered from last year. Data for the rating and ranking tool is populated with APR data submitted by agencies to HUD at SAGE.com
- CoC NOFO Application Materials were approved (Motions: Peg R; Second, John B.)

CoC Bonus

- CoC Bonus applications will be publicly posted online for eligible agencies to access
- Catherine McCauley and UNC has expressed interest in CoC Bonus
- Nathan M. can be available to review CoC Bonus applications. Nathan M. is not available to assist in the writing of any agency's CoC Bonus application

DV Bonus

- WRC is the only eligible agency for DV Bonus
- Peg R. said WRC is still considering the DV Bonus

Announcements:

- Construction NOFO to build permanent housing, prioritizing more rural areas. HUD anticipates funding 25 projects nationwide. *Deadline to apply is November 21, 2024*
- Board Meetings will now be the second Wednesday of the month at 10am
- Upcoming SLCoC Board Meetings:
 - Wednesday September 11th at 10am
 - Monday October 7th at 10am (Ad Hoc)
 - Friday October 18th at 10am (Ad Hoc)
- 2024 New and renewal applications are due to SLCoC Director on September 27, 2024
- Lived Experience Coordinator (LEC) was successfully filled
- City Hall will continue hosting pop up events
- City of Scranton will also be hosting a Sprucing up Scranton event this coming weekend
- Dr. Saxena was warmly welcomed as new SLCoC Board member

New or Old Business

- None

Meeting Adjourned (Motion: Peg R.; Second: Lisa D.)

The next SLCoC board meeting will be Wednesday, September 11th at 10am via Teams.

Submitted respectfully,
Nichole Rios

2024 SLCoC NOFO Timeline

- Aug. 26: New & Renewal applications posted to SLCoC webpage
- Sept. 11: Bi-Monthly Board Meeting
- *Sept. 27: New & Renewal project applications due to SLCoC Director*
- Oct. 7: Ad Hoc Board Meeting to review/approval of new and renewal project scoring and ranking
- Oct. 15: All applicants notified by email of projects accepted/rejected, results posted to CoC website
- Oct. 18: Ad Hoc Board Meeting to review/approval final NOFO application
- Oct. 23: NOFO application posted to SLCoC webpage
- Oct. 25: NOFO application submitted to HUD
- Oct. 30: HUD's final NOFO deadline