NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY CENTRAL VIRGINIA CONTINUUM OF CARE (VA 508) 2022 - 2024 DHCD HSNH Competition



The Central Virginia Continuum of Care is soliciting project applications for 2022-2024 Department of Housing and Community Development's Homeless and Special Needs Housing funding. The only components to be considered for funding are:

- 1) Emergency Shelter Operations as defined by <u>Virginia Homeless and Special Needs Housing Funding</u>
 <u>Guidelines</u> p. 31
- Centralized or Coordinated Entry (it is strongly suggested that this is paired with emergency shelter operations to allow for after-hours access to emergency assistance) as defined by <u>Virginia Homeless and</u> Special Needs Housing Funding Guidelines p. 24

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Eligible project applicants for the DHCD HSNH funding include nonprofit organizations, local governments, and public housing authorities.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- a) All project applicants must have a (<u>DUNS Number</u>) and have active registrations in (<u>SAM</u>). Since this process can take time, interested applicants who are not registered are encouraged to start the process as soon as possible.
- b) Applicants and potential sub-recipients must demonstrate the financial management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and to administer state funds. Organizations not recently funded by DHCD are required to undergo a DHCD performance audit.
- c) Further requirements can be found in the Homeless and Special Needs Guidelines 2022- 2024.
- d) All applicants must provide the 25% match for the full requested organizational amount.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- a) Must meet all guidelines, restrictions, and requirements for projects under the <u>Homeless and Special</u> Needs Guidelines 2022- 2024.
- b) Must adopt a Housing First approach. Programs may not include any requirements or conditions for entry into the program (i.e. sobriety, income requirements, etc.) outside of the CVCoC Written Standards outlined in the CVCoC Policies and Procedures.
- c) Must agree to receive client referrals exclusively through the CVCoC coordinated entry process outlined in the CVCoC Coordinated Entry Policies.
- d) Must maximize leveraging through the use of mainstream resources.
- e) Must agree to participate in the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.
- f) Must demonstrate compliance with the <u>CVCoC Policies and Procedures</u>.
- g) Must agree to have program representatives attend CVCoC community meetings and committee meetings as appropriate.

ESTIMATED FUNDING AVAILABLE (based on 2021-2022 funding received):

- 1) \$75,156 for Emergency Shelter Operations
- 2) \$25,000 for Centralized or Coordinated Entry

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REVIEW AND SELECTION:

The Central Virginia Continuum of Care (CVCoC) (VA-508) has established a Review Committee comprised of CoC Board Members without a conflict of interest. The committee will select projects and funding levels for project quality, performance and cost effectiveness.

If you have questions regarding this process please contact the CVCoC's Homeless System Coordinator, Sarah Fuentes at sarahfuentes@miriamshouse.org.

FUNDING LEVEL OR SELECTION GRIEVANCE:

Any organization wishing to file a grievance regarding the Review Committee's decision must notify the Collaborative Applicant's representative, Sarah Fuentes at sarahfuentes@miriamshouse.org within two business days after the decision has been communicated. An appeal can be in the form of a letter, a memo or an email and must state the following:

- Agency name
- Project name
- Reason for appeal (no longer than 2 pages)
- Documentation to support the appeal

An ad hoc Appeals Committee will be formed by 3-5 non-conflicted CoC Board members to review all appeals and will make recommendations to the CoC Board. The Appeals Committee will be selected from the CoC Board or its designees. These individuals will have no conflict of interest in serving. Applicants will be notified of the outcome no later than 5 business days after the appeal has been received.