

San Francisco Local Homeless Coordinating Board McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care Grants Homeless Assistance Grants

The San Francisco Local Homeless Coordinating Board (LHCB), formed by Resolution 208-05, oversees the San Francisco application for US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grants. During the last renewal, HUD awarded San Francisco over \$22,000,000 in competitive Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance grant funds.

In 2013, the proposed resolution would authorize the LHCB to apply for funds not to exceed \$24,000,000. The funding goes to city departments and non-profits to provide homeless individuals and families with permanent supportive housing, transitional housing and supportive services. The grant application is due to HUD by February 3, 2014.

Each year, the LHCB undertakes an intensive community process for determining priorities and the competition process. For this year's competition, the review and rank process was discussed at five LHCB Funding Committee meetings, and four full LHCB meetings. The LHCB Funding Committee considered community priorities, then designed and presented scoring tools and materials to the full LHCB for approval. LHCB then considered and approved scoring tools and materials.

As part of the review process, the SF Human Services Agency (HSA) and LCHB staff will review and score the various applications in accordance with the rubric created during the community process. In addition, a panel of non-conflicted participants will score and rank the applications of any new projects. After the preliminary scoring results are delivered to applicants, any project that is at risk of not being funded will have the opportunity to appeal. After the appeal process is completed, the LHCB members will meet to consider and approve the final list of project applications.

The LHCB also oversees the community portion of the application, which describes the housing and services provided to the homeless population in San Francisco, as well as LHCB plans for future activities.

This year's application will include a Tier 2 list of projects that may not be funded by HUD after the application is submitted due to the federal impact of sequestration and flat funding on Homeless Assistance Grants. In San Francisco, every effort has been made to preserve existing programs serving the homeless population. Anticipated sequestration cuts should not impact San Francisco's renewal projects, as City staff and non-profit staff worked together to find alternate funding sources for programs that are essential to our local efforts in getting people off the street, but are not closely aligned with HUD's priorities.