

San Francisco Local Homeless Coordinating Board Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grants

The San Francisco Local Homeless Coordinating Board (LHCB), formed by Resolution 208-05, oversees the San Francisco application for Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grants. Last year HUD awarded San Francisco over \$26,000,000 in competitive Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance grant funds.

This year the proposed resolution would authorize the LHCB to apply for funds not to exceed \$33,000,000. The funding goes to city departments and non-profits to provide homeless individuals and families with permanent supportive housing, transitional housing and a variety of supportive services. The grant application is due November 20, 2015.

Each year the LHCB undertakes an intensive community process to determine priorities and to create the competition process. This year the review and rank process for scoring the various applicant programs was discussed at three LHCB Funding Committee meetings and four LHCB meetings. The LHCB Funding Committee considered community priorities, then designed and presented scoring tools and materials to the full Board for approval.

As part of the review process, HSA and LHCB staff will review and score the applications in accordance with the rubric created during the community process. Additionally a neutral panel will score and rank the applications for 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 complete, the LHCB 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 homeless housing and services provided in San Francisco, as well as LHCB plans for future activities.

This year's application will include a Tier 2 list of projects that will be subject to special scrutiny from HUD previous to funding, and it is possible that some of those programs will not be selected for funding by HUD. The projects listed in Tier 2 will include new projects that do not yet exist and renewal programs that scored the lowest on performance measures such as housing placement and retention rates and timely and accurate grant management. HUD determines which new projects to fund and which low performing renewal programs to fund based on a complex three component, multi-category process. The Tier 2 scrutiny is not projected to impact any current housing programs since San Francisco's community-wide HUD performance score is very high compared to other community scores nationally.