



## **Home4Good Request for Proposals** **Addendum: Priorities of the Western PA CoC**

As a Continuum of Care participating in the Home4Good process, the Western PA CoC will be responsible to:

- Market the Home4Good program;
- Collect, review and rank proposals received from service providers; and
- Submit a Home4Good application packet to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.

Per the Home4Good Proposal Process, as outlined in the Request for Proposals:

*Each participating CoC will review and evaluate proposals based on the Home4Good program goals, the merits of the proposal and the community's unmet, critical needs in homeless services; taking into consideration the CoC's strategic goals and leveraging of other federal and state funding sources.*

Please ensure your project is aligned to the CoC's strategic plan, which can be viewed on the CoC website and is linked at - [Western PA CoC Five-Year Strategic Plan to Reduce and End Homelessness](#).

Additionally, the Western PA CoC Board has created a list of priority unmet, crucial needs. **As such, projects responding to these needs will be given priority consideration within the CoC's project ranking.** (Per the Home4Good RFP, all projects submitted to the Western PA CoC will be reviewed, ranked and included with the CoC's application packet, even if they are not aligned to the below listed priorities.)

### **WESTERN PA COC'S PRIORITY UNMET/CRUCIAL NEEDS**

The below list summarizes the Western PA CoC's top 5 unmet/critical needs, in priority order.

- 1) **Housing for criminal justice population:** During the 2019 and 2020 Home4Good funding round, Fayette County Community Action Agency was awarded funding to create the Regional Justice Involved Rapid Re-housing program. Based on the

benefits seen to date, funding to support this program will remain a priority. Fayette County Community Action Agency will be the only applicant considered. The budget for this proposal should supplement the funding previously made available and should support program operation throughout CY 2022.

- This project should be submitted as a CoC-wide initiative.

- 2) **Youth Action Board staff:** The Board created a Youth Action Board (YAB) in 2018 that has been supported by CoC staff. The YAB has grown significantly and based on the impact the YAB has had on the region the Board would like to create a part-time staff position to continue to support the development of the group. The CoC is looking for an agency to apply as a legal applicant and pass-through organization, on behalf of the CoC. The budget for this proposal should not exceed \$40,000.
  - The YAB staff position will be an employee/contractor of Diana T. Myers and Associates, Inc. (DMA). All contracting would be done between DMA and the organization awarded Home4Good funding.
- 3) **Housing diversion/prevention programs:** During the 2019 and 2020 Home4Good funding round, the McKean County Redevelopment and Housing Authority was awarded funding to create the Home Connections prevention/diversion regional program. The program has been successful, so funding to support this program will remain a priority. The McKean County Redevelopment and Housing Authority will be the only applicant considered. The budget for this proposal should not exceed \$125,000.
  - This project should be submitted as a CoC-wide initiative.
  - The CoC is working this Fall/Winter to develop a CoC-wide diversion strategy. If this project is awarded Home4Good funding, the project will be expected to align efforts to the forthcoming strategy where possible.
- 4) **Youth Housing Initiative:** Throughout the 2018-2020 Home4Good funding rounds, the Board prioritized a host home program. The program served youth aged 16-21 who were literally homeless or couch hopping. Youth continue to be a priority population for the Board, as such, Home4Good priorities include funding for innovative youth programs to meet the needs of youth that cannot be served through CoC funding. A host home program is an example of an innovative youth housing program. More information about Host Homes can be found at <https://www.pointsourceyouth.org/resources-library-rapid-rehousing-host-homes-family-reconnection-lgbtq-youth-homelessness/#short-term>. The budget for this proposal should not exceed \$150,000.
- 5) **Affordable Housing Development:** The Board has prioritized affordable housing development during this funding round. The CoC is looking for applications that would be innovative, pilot projects that could be replicated in other areas throughout the region. Examples include: partnerships with landlords to improve access to housing (e.g. rehab funding); training on the principles of affordable housing; partnerships with developers and/or housing authorities; etc.

## QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the Home4Good RFP and/or this Addendum should be submitted to [westerncoc@pennsylvaniacoc.org](mailto:westerncoc@pennsylvaniacoc.org).

## APPLICATION DUE DATE

Please refer to the [Home4Good RFP](#) for proposal requirements. All applications should be responsive to the requirements described in the Home4Good RFP.

As indicated in the Home4Good RFP, all application are due to the CoC by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Electronic applications should be submitted via email to [westerncoc@pennsylvaniacoc.org](mailto:westerncoc@pennsylvaniacoc.org). The CoC does not need hard copies of applications.