

Application to DHCD Submitted through CAMS

The Planning Council

SVHC Renewal 2021 Application

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Project Service Area: Isle of Wight County, Southampton County, Chesapeake City, Franklin City,
Norfolk City, Suffolk City

Total Requested Amount:

Required Annual Audit Status: Accepted

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Budget Information:

Cost/Activity Category	DHCD Request	Other Funding	Total
Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coordinated Entry/Assessment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prevention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emergency Shelter Operations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Rapid Re-housing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Rapid Re-housing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CoC Planning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HMIS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Budget Narrative:

Questions and Responses:

1. Please describe any significant changes in your Continuum of Care/Balance of State local planning group since the FY 20-21 application. Include leadership and/or agency changes, point-in-time count data, trends, and any information you would like to share with DHCD. - Limit response to no more than one page.

Answer:

In June of 2020, Michael Stultz, completed his term as Chair of the Governing Board. Michael Coffman became Chair at the June 10, 2020 meeting. Unfortunately, Michael Coffman stepped down from the Chair position in February of 2021. Lisa Dixon, the current Vice Chair was elevated to Chair at the February 10, 2021 Governing Board meeting. The Governing Board currently has vacancies and the CoC is continuing to recruit additional partners to join the Board, especially representatives that represent the city government, schools, jails, and currently/formerly homeless individuals.

The CoC was able to coordinate with the Chesapeake Redevelopment & Housing Authority to identify persons experiencing homelessness as a priority population for services. Additionally, the CoC entered into an agreement for a move-on program which could assist up to 12 households in Chesapeake as Housing Choice Voucher availability arises in Chesapeake. The CoC is also working with Chesapeake RHA to identify current or formerly homeless youth that were connected to the Foster Care system for referral to the Foster Youth to Independence voucher program.

In response to the Coordinated Entry Data Collection requirements from the HUD, the SVHC reorganized the Coordinated Entry System to ensure all required data elements are collected in HMIS through a standardized Access and Assessment process for all households that are at imminent risk of becoming homeless or are experiencing literal homelessness in the SVHC. These changes have impacted the system in many ways. This has allowed the CoC to collect information on households experiencing a housing crisis to better address their needs, connect more persons with resources in the community and track the households that have been referred to the various providers that can complete housing assessments. However, the CoC is experiencing a backlog of households seeking assistance and is not able to quickly respond to the number of persons seeking assistance. Currently, the average time from the household contacting the Housing Crisis Hotline to intake is 21 days. The current By-Name list consists of every person that self-identified as At Risk or Literally Homeless, expanding the by-name list to over 1,500 households. The CoC is currently developing processes to conduct follow up calls and check in with the households to determine if they are still in need. The number of homeless single adults with complex needs continue to be a growing population.

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The SVHC conducted the annual Point in Time Count on January 27 & 28, 2021. Due to concerns from the COVID-19 pandemic, the SVHC did not conduct the Unsheltered portion of the Point in Time Count out of an abundance of caution for health safety due to COVID-19 exposure surges, lack of staff capacity, and lack of volunteers. The 2021 Sheltered count identified 559 persons experiencing homelessness in the geographic region covered by the SVHC. This is a 21% decrease from the 2020 Count of 709 persons and is likely due to reduced capacity at shelters due to the COVID pandemic and the addition of hotels accommodating those who might otherwise be counted as homeless. The CoC did see an increase in chronically homeless households in the region, a trend that is reflected across the nation. Overall, the CoC saw an 8% decline in Veteran households experiencing homelessness, from 59 veterans in 2020 to 54 veterans in 2021.

In late 2019, Commonwealth Catholic Charities received a 3-year grant from the Hampton Roads Community Foundation to provide outreach to homeless households in the Western Tidewater (WTW) region. During 2020, Commonwealth Catholic Charities hired the staff and began connecting with providers across WTW to identify persons that are literally homeless in WTW and connect them to the Coordinated Entry System.

In March of 2021, ForKids opened the new Center for Children and Families in South Norfolk, relocating and expanding its headquarters, education center, regional housing crisis hotline, donation center, and family shelter into an underserved part of the CoC.

Additionally, five member agencies received Housing Trust Fund dollars including: LGBT Life Center (\$191,145 for Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Rapid Re-Housing), ForKids (\$171,207,000 for Homeless Parenting Youth Rapid Re-Housing), Virginia Supportive Housing (\$100,000 for Permanent Supportive Housing), YWCA of South Hampton Roads (\$96,202 for Youth Fleeing Domestic Violence), and The Planning Council (\$717,836 for an innovative planning and pilot housing project for Homeless Older Adults) which will increase housing opportunities for persons experiencing homelessness across the CoC.

The Continuum of Care is also applying for the Virginia Housing Continuum of Care Tier One Strategic Housing grant to assist the SVHC to carry out the following missions: Creating economically integrated and inclusive housing opportunities including affordable housing, workforce housing, mixed-income housing, and/or community-based housing options for people with disabilities, and Planning and Community Development to include significant attention to housing planning needs throughout Virginia.

2. Funding changes

If the CoC/LPG is requesting to move money between activities and/or agencies please provide details about the process and the rationale for the request.

Answer:

The SVHC is submitting a renewal funding request for \$1,363,898 which represents level funding. Each grantee was required to submit review forms that include information on the projects current spending levels, performance, and requests for funding. The grantees then presented this information during the April Program Monitoring Committee meeting to review requests and make budget determinations. The following agencies receive funds through this process:

ForKids:

Coordinated Assessment - \$23,213

Targeted Prevention - \$140,970

Emergency Shelter Operations - \$122,039

Rapid Re-Housing - \$378,400

HMIS - \$33,231

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Administration - \$19,939

TOTAL Request - \$717,792

LGBT Life Center:

Coordinated Assessment: \$50,900

Targeted Prevention - \$26,016

Rapid Re-Housing - \$85,977

HMIS - \$1,625

Administration - \$4,887

TOTAL Request - \$169,405

STOP:

Rapid Rehousing - \$219,833

HMIS - \$1,275

Administration - \$6,595

TOTAL Request: - \$227,703

YWCA of South Hampton Roads

Rapid Re-Housing - \$159,714

Administration - \$4,790

TOTAL Request - \$164,504

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CoC Planning - \$84,494

TOTAL Request - \$84,494

Following the peer review process and approval from the CoC Governing Board, the SVHC will move forward in requesting VHSP funds with one change to the current budget.

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The budget breakdown above includes a change in funding allocation within the LGBT Life Center Budget. The LGBT Life Center has moved funding from the Prevention activity to Coordinated Assessment. The LGBT Life Center moved this funding from the Prevention activity line due to the current moratorium on evictions, other Prevention funding in the State and at other agencies in the CoC that offer additional resources at this time. The LGBT Life Center is moving this funding to assist the CoC in the response to the number of homeless households seeking assistance that have not been connected to another agency for housing assessment and other supports. Specifically, this movement of funding will allow the LGBT Life Center to continue funding a case management position that will carry a case load of 20 households.

Attachments:

HSNH 2020-2022 CoC/LPG Action Items - Updates

SVHCHSNH202022ActionItemUpdate429202120353.xlsx

Year Two Request (proposed grantees and activities)

SVHCHSNHYearTwoRequest202122429202115812.xlsx

Board of Directors Listing (non-profits only)

SVHCJointBoDLists429202120946.pdf

Organizational Certification and Assurances

SVHCCombined429202115830.pdf

CoC/LPG Certification and Assurances

SignedSVHCCoCCert426202110757.pdf

Additional Attachments (as needed)

SVHCGranteeFairHousingPolicies429202131616.pdf