

LAHSA CoC Board Updates

SPA Board Reps – Election discussions.

- LAHSA Staff met with SPA Coalition Leadership on January 25th followed by meeting with board's Executive Workgroup
- Overwhelming support for delaying SPA elections due to various concerns expressed
- Request for more engagement and education at the SPA level to help prepare for elections
- Next steps: LAHSA staff to meet with Executive Committee and SPA Coalition Leadership to continue planning coming in Late April

HUD awarded the Los Angeles CoC \$155,356,351, which includes \$149,151,882 for 141 renewal projects and \$4,954,469 in bonus funding for 3 new projects and 3 expansion projects. The CoC Bonus Coordinated Entry System (CES) projects will enable LAHSA to expand CES infrastructure to support improved system throughput and housing outcomes. The CoC Bonus HMIS project will enable LAHSA to expand database access by increasing user licenses and support planned efforts to provide a comparable database to the domestic violence (DV) provider community. The DV Bonus projects will collectively provide 15 units of new transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence and 231 beds in 83 units of rapid re-housing services to survivors.

HUD has not yet released individual CoC scores, which typically is several weeks after the awards announcement. However, as the LA CoC was awarded \$4,474,176 in new resources above the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), and HUD feedback has indicated higher scoring CoCs are more likely to gain funding relative to their ARD, the results suggest the LA CoC scored above the national average.

Couple of common themes coming out of the workgroups is how to gain points on the annual NOFO application. Also, strong focus on underspending and how to improve.

Underspending decreased from 2019 to 2020 from \$30.2 M to \$23.1 M 8.7% decrease. Greatest improvement was from the Public Housing Authorities, which decreased underspending by 11.5%. LACDA and HACLA administer the majority of the CoC's PSH, therefore focus on lease-up processes are important to measure and monitor.

The other focus is corrective actions for projects that are underspending. The CoC is looking to recapture CoC Grant funds from grants that demonstrate at least three years of underspending of at least 15% per year. The reallocated amount will be based on the lowest amount of underspent funds incurred over the three-year period.

Projects that demonstrate under-spending and under-utilization below the adopted thresholds for two, but not three, consecutive years will be flagged for correction action and will be subject to reallocation the following year if grant performance does not improve.

CES Update/Outcomes

1. Interim Housing (Shelter) Updates

- i. San Pedro Interim Housing – 1 vacancy / 23 Permanent housing placements (3 in the past week/3 more pending)
- ii. San Pedro ABH – 6 Vacancies / 20 Permanent housing placements
- iii. Redondo Beach Pallet Shelter – No vacancies / 24 Permanent housing placements

2. CES Goal Attainment (Individuals) 7/1/2021-06/30/2022

- a. Number of individuals assessed -- 193
- b. Number of households housed through RRH & Recovery Rehousing– 45
- c. Number of chronically homeless single adults placed via HN – 36
- d. Number of permanent housing placements – Torrance Housing Navigation – 13
- e. Number of permanent housing placements – Redondo Beach HN - 6

3. CES Goal Attainment (TAY) 7/1/2021-06/30/2022

- a. Number of households assessed – 11
- b. Number of households housed in RRH - 9

4. CES Goal Attainment (Families) 7/1/2021-06/30/2022

- a. Number of Households assessed: 161
- b. Number of households housed in RRH: 69
- c. Number of households who have retained housing through Prevention: 13
- d. Family System is also working with LB Housing Authority and has been able to connect 49 families to EHV S-8 and they have another 51 vouchers for families that are homeless in Long Beach.

Client Story

Gabrielle grew up in the county foster system and has had over a hundred different foster families. Gabby's mom had abandoned the three daughters and the father was taken to prison. Gabby has been experiencing homeless for the duration of her teens and through early adulthood.

Back in 2020 a Redondo beach community member had contacted Harbor Interfaith Services regarding a homeless youth visiting the public library. Upon meeting Gabby, she was very guarded and hesitant with working with YET another case worker. Pandemic hit and homeless services shifted it's focus to protecting those without housing from the virus.

Gabrielle joined the national reserve in January 2019 and returned from military bootcamp in May 2020. She was still homeless living in her vehicle. The Redondo Beach Pallet Shelter had just opened and Gabby became a resident. Gabrielle was matched to a housing resource and after numerous appointments with property management and social services Gabrielle was declined for reasons that were never disclosed to her or HIS staff. Gabrielle had grown discouraged and tired.

Finally, another resource became available, and Gabrielle was matched to it. On March 21, 2022, Gabrielle moved into her very own spacious one bedroom unit. Gabrielle expressed tearful appreciation to HIS staff and the city of Redondo Beach for not giving up on her.