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To: LAHSA Programs and Evaluation Committee

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Threshold Evaluation Results for the 2015 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

Re: New Projects Request for Proposals (RFP)

Commission Action Requested: Approve the threshold evaluation results for the 2015 CoC New Projects RFP and staff's recommendations regarding submitted appeals of those results.

Background: HUD released the FY2015 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Registration on April 28, 2015 with a deadline for the submission of registration by May 18, 2015. The FY2015 CoC Program Registration allows CoCs to make funding available through reallocation for new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects to serve chronically homeless individuals and families and new Rapid Re-Housing projects serving homeless families or Transition Age-Youth (TAY) who are living on the street or in an emergency shelter.

LAHSA released the 2015 CoC New Projects RFP on April 16, 2015, and held a mandatory bidders conference on April 28, 2015.

Threshold Evaluation Criteria: The 2015 CoC New Projects RFP established threshold criteria to ensure that submitted proposals met the basic requirements of the RFP, have the potential to be successful in the subsequent national competition and can successfully operate the program if awarded funding.

The Threshold Criteria outlined in the RFP include:

- **Completeness** – Proposals will be reviewed for completeness. Proposals that do not include all of the requested core documents, demonstrate subrecipient eligibility, project appropriateness, and required project match amounts as detailed in this RFP will be rejected at the Evaluation Panel's sole discretion.
- **Target Population** – The project must serve the target population as defined in this RFP. All populations served must meet HUD's definition of homelessness. For the PSH program component, the populations must meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.
- **Housing Type** – Only Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects will be considered for funding under this RFP.
- **Housing Emphasis** - All proposed RRH programs must have at least 80% of their total funding request allocated to rental assistance and/or eligible financial assistance. All

proposed PSH programs must have 100% of their total funding request allocated to rental assistance.

- **Housing First** – All proposed projects must adhere to the Housing First model of housing assistance, which means that housing is offered without preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) or service participation requirements, and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing are primary goals.
- **Coordinated Entry Participation** – Proposers must demonstrate current collaboration with the appropriate SPA-based FSC/CES and must demonstrate how the proposed program will impact service gaps in the existing system(s).
- **Experience** - All non-governmental Proposers must have been incorporated and have been operational as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization providing housing and/or services to homeless persons for at least two years. However, agencies that have been providing services to homeless persons under the auspices of another incorporated 501(c)(3) organization for at least two years and have since obtained their own 501(c)(3) status may be eligible for funding under this RFP. All governmental agencies must also have been operational as an entity providing services to homeless persons for at least two years.

If the proposal is a formal collaboration between agencies, past experience of the more experienced agency will be assessed in this category. Collaborations must be formal and long-term with resources shared between agencies. Decision-making for the proposed program must be coordinated with clear roles and responsibilities for each agency. Documentation must be formalized with a formalized written agreement between the parties.

- **Past Compliance** – The Proposers must be in compliance with applicable civil rights laws and Executive Orders. There must be no outstanding findings of noncompliance with civil rights statutes, Executive Orders, or regulations, unresolved secretarial charge of discrimination issued under the Fair Housing Act, and no adjudications of civil rights violations on a civil action. Proposers must not have any instances of fraud or embezzlement convictions in the past five (5) years. In addition, the Proposer must not have any instance of terminated funding for cause from any funding source (governmental and non-governmental sources) in the past five (5) years.

LAHSA reserves the right to deny the funding request for a new project, if the request is made by an existing recipient that is found to have significant issues related to capacity, performance, or unresolved audit/monitoring finding related to one or more existing grants.

- **HMIS** - Proposers must participate in the LA CoC HMIS implemented by LAHSA, or a comparable HUD approved system, and adhere to all the implementation guidelines developed under HMIS. LAHSA shall provide the selected Proposers with the basic training required to utilize HMIS. Failure to input complete, accurate and timely client and project information on HMIS may result in reimbursement delay, payment reduction, or contract suspension. Awardees must be enrolled in and have implemented HMIS prior to contract execution.

Projects dedicated to serving 100% domestic violence populations are required to utilize an alternate database system, not funded by LAHSA, which provides required HUD data sets.

Threshold Evaluation Results: As detailed in the attached table, LAHSA received a total of 22 proposals, 12 were submitted for Permanent Supportive Housing and 10 were submitted for Rapid

Re-Housing projects. Based upon an evaluation of the criteria detailed above, it was determined that 1 of the 12 PSH proposals did not pass threshold, and 2 of the 10 RRH proposals did not pass threshold.

Appeals: LAHSA received four (4) letters of appeal: three (3) from St. Joseph Center and one (1) from Divinity Prophet and Associates.

All four (4) appeals were approved and passed on to the Quality Review phase due to the curable technical difficulties.

Staff Recommendations:

Staff recommends the approval of the Threshold Review Results as attached to this memorandum.

RFP Timeline & Next Steps

Thursday, April 16, 2015	RFP is Released
Tuesday, April 28, 2015	Proposer's Conference & Questions due to LAHSA
Thursday, April 30, 2015	Q&A Released
Friday, 5pm, Monday, June 5, 2015	Proposals due to LAHSA
Monday, July 20, 2015	Threshold Results presented at P&E Committee for Approval
August Commission Meeting	Quality Results presented to Commission for Approval
<u>TBD</u>	<u>Deadline for Submission to HUD</u>

2015 CoC Program New Projects RFP - Threshold Review Summary

Organization Name	Project Name	LAHSA, HACLA, or HACoLA	Threshold Review (Pass/Fail)	Proposed Total # of Beds and Units				SPA	Total Amount Requested
				Total Units	Total Beds	Total Dedicated CH Beds	Total Non-Dedicated CH Beds		
LA Family Housing	SPA 2 Collaborative PSH	HACLA	PASS	75	85	85	0	2	\$ 1,046,203
Special Service for Groups	SPA 6 CES	HACLA	PASS	15	15	15	0	6	\$ 187,140
St. Joseph Center	St. Joseph Center Permanent Housing, City of Los Angeles	HACLA	PASS	50	61	61	0	5, 6	\$ 665,652
Harbor Interfaith Services, Inc.	SPA 8 CES Permanent Supportive Housing	HACLA	PASS	50	50	50	0	8	\$ 682,000
Volunteers of America Los Angeles	VOALA Permanent Supportive Housing SPAs 4 and 6	HACLA	PASS	100	165	165	0	4, 6	\$ 1,277,520
Union Station Homeless Services	SPA 3 New Permanent Supportive Housing	HACoLA	PASS	16	16	16	0	3	\$ 226,600
Special Service for Groups	SPA 6 CES	HACoLA	PASS	10	10	10	0	6	\$ 125,520
St. Joseph Center	St. Joseph Center Permanent Housing, County of	HACoLA	PASS	25	30	30	0	5, 6	\$ 330,900
Ocean Park Community Center	OPCC Wellness and Housing Program	HACoLA	PASS	40	40	40	0	5	\$ 529,440
Mental Health America of Los Angeles	PATHways To Permanent Housing II	HACoLA	PASS	8	8	8	0	1	\$ 113,300
Burbank Housing Authority	Homes, Equality, and Links to Programs "Equal Access to Supportive Living for our Homeless"	LAHSA	PASS	10	22	22	0	2	\$ 164,557
Divinity Prophet and Associates	Voyages	LAHSA	PASS	14	14	5	9	6, 8	\$ 198,092
Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council, dba "Valley Oasis"	Strengthening Young Families	LAHSA	PASS	20	36	0	36	2	\$ 596,629
St. Joseph Center	Rapid Rehousing for Youth in Venice	LAHSA	PASS	23	23	13	10	5	\$ 310,143
Testimonial Community Love Center	TCLC Rapid ReHousing Program	LAHSA	PASS	11	44	2	42	7	\$ 298,986
LA Family Housing	The Way Home	LAHSA	PASS	40	130	0	130	2	\$ 457,535
St. Joseph Center	St. Joseph Center Rapid Rehousing for Families	LAHSA	PASS	25	60	20	40	5, 6	\$ 419,611
Upward Bound House	Moving Families Home	LAHSA	PASS	38	114	0	0	6	\$ 674,996
Volunteers of America Los Angeles	VOALA Rapid Re-Housing	LAHSA	PASS	66	191	191	0	3, 6	\$ 461,622
U.S. VETS- Los Angeles	Veteran PSH Assistance	HACLA	FAIL	50	50	50		8	\$ 100,000
Los Angeles House of Ruth	Ruth's Rapid Rehousing Program	LAHSA	FAIL	16	50	0	50	4	\$ 304,498
Integrated Recovery Network	Family Housing	LAHSA	FAIL	10	40	0	40	4, 6	\$ 269,720

TOTAL \$ 9,440,664