

2020 Work Plan

Strategic Activities

Activity	Strategy Plan Goal Alignment	Responsibility	Lead Contact(s)	Anticipated Completion
Continue racial equity assessment and planning in homeless response system (2019 carryover)	Improve system Improve programs	SPARC project team	Nancy B	Dec 2020
Create toolkit for landlord engagement and mitigation funds to reduce barriers to housing	End homelessness quickly Improve system	SPM Workgroup 1	Trent F	Sept 2020
Engage with PHAs and PSH providers to implement Move-on preferences	End homelessness quickly Prevent returns to homelessness Improve programs	SPM Workgroup 2	Jennifer C	Sept 2020
Engage emergency shelters on partnerships for outcomes and HMIS use	End homelessness quickly Improve programs Improve system	SPM Workgroup 3	Randi C, Nicollette M	Sept 2020
Expand use of SOAR and workforce center resources to increase participant income	Improve programs Prevent homelessness	SPM Workgroup 4	Rick S	Sept 2020
Integrate Housing Stabilization Services into Coordinated Entry	End homelessness quickly	SPM Workgroup 5/ Coordinated Entry Committee	Ashley M	Sept 2020
Develop targeted strategies to increase youth engagement in planning and priority setting (2019 carryover)	Prevent homelessness End homelessness quickly	SPM Youth Homelessness Workgroup/RAYC	Melissa B	June 2020

Ongoing Activities

As required for compliance with HUD requirements for Continuums of Care, the CoC will work together through its staff, committees, and members to complete the following ongoing activities:

1. Maintain a fully-functioning statewide HMIS in collaboration with Minnesota's CoCs, HMIS Lead, and CoC members.
2. Coordinate a housing and service system that meets the needs of the homeless individuals and families, including outreach, engagement, and assessment; shelter, housing, and supportive services; and prevention strategies.
3. Plan and conduct annual PIT count of homeless persons that meets HEARTH Act requirements, and support broad participation in the triennial Statewide Homeless Study throughout the CoC region.
4. Conduct an annual gaps analysis of the homeless needs and services available in the CoC region.
5. Provide current and accurate information to Consolidated Plan jurisdictions in the region.
6. Consult with ESG recipients on the plan to allocate funds and to report on and evaluate the performance of ESG projects.
7. Hold regular and open CoC meetings and conduct outreach to invite new members to participate.

8. Select a board to act on behalf of the CoC and appointing committees/workgroups to accomplish specific tasks.
9. Review and update the governance charter at least annually.
10. Work with grantees to evaluate project performance and improve performance.
11. Coordinate the CoC application submission and project application solicitation.
12. Build provider expertise and capacity with trainings, information sharing, and TA.

Project Type Priorities, by household type

In an effort to target limited resources to the communities and populations that most need assistance to end homelessness, the following priorities have been identified. The Continuum of Care sets these priorities based on data collected from each county. Primary data sources are the most recent Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Chart, and current Coordinated Entry data.

These priorities were approved by the CoC for use in upcoming funding rounds listed below.

- MN Housing 2021 RFP
- HUD CoC 2020 Local Competition
- All other RFPs for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) in calendar year 2020 for which CoC input is requested.

Priority Household Type Options were: Single Adults, Families with Children, Youth Singles, and Youth with Children (Youth are defined as age 24 and younger).

Priorities for Permanent Supportive Housing

Geographic priorities (for Local CoC Program competition):

- Tier 1 = Olmsted county
- Tier 2 = Blue Earth, Rice, and Steele counties

Household type target priorities:

County	Priority	Comments/Context
Blue Earth	Single Adults	Could also target Youth singles (age 18-24) successfully within similar unit size.
Brown	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Dodge	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Faribault	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Fillmore	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Freeborn	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Goodhue	Single Adults	
Houston	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Le Sueur	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Martin	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Mower	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Nicollet	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Olmsted	Single Adults	
Rice	Adults Families with Children	Data could support both Single Adults and Adult Families with Children. However, new PSH funded for single adults.
Sibley	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Steele	Single Adults	
Wabasha	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Waseca	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Watonwan	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.
Winona	Single Adults	Limited county-level data. Based on regional overall need.

Priorities for Rapid Rehousing (general population)

Geographic priorities (for Local CoC Program competition):

- Tier 1 = Olmsted county
- Tier 2 = Blue Earth, Rice, Steele, and Goodhue counties

Household type target priorities:

County	Priority
Blue Earth	Single Adults
Brown	Single Adults
Dodge	Single Adults
Faribault	Single Adults
Fillmore	Single Adults
Freeborn	Single Adults
Goodhue	Single Adults
Houston	Single Adults
Le Sueur	Single Adults
Martin	Single Adults

County	Priority
Mower	Single Adults
Nicollet	Single Adults
Olmsted	Single Adults
Rice	Adults Families with Children
Sibley	Single Adults
Steele	Single Adults
Wabasha	Single Adults
Waseca	Single Adults
Watonwan	Single Adults
Winona	Single Adults

Priorities for Domestic violence focused projects (Primarily RRH or TH)

Geographic priorities (for Local CoC Program competition):

- Tier 1 = Blue Earth county
- Tier 2 = Nicollet, Olmsted, and Steele counties

Household type target priorities: In general, households with children made up 55% of households fleeing DV and seeking housing within the Coordinated Entry system in the CoC region. However, because household types may change in this population, no household type priorities have been set by county for DV projects that may be selected through the HUD CoC local competition.

New Project Priorities, including projects created through Reallocation

To continue improving CoC program and system outcomes related to preventing and ending homelessness, the CoC may reallocate Continuum of Care program resources to best match the needs of people experiencing homelessness in our region. Based on current needs identified in the population and geographic priorities summary, as well as CoC efforts to improve programs throughout the region, these are the reallocation priorities for 2020:

1. New PSH or RRH targeted to unmet household type needs (listed above) and/or that increase client choice
 - Specialized programs that offer choices such as culturally-specific programming, recovery-based models, family reunification programs, or work/employment partnerships are encouraged.
 - Existing projects that choose to reallocate and reapply to target current community needs and gaps are encouraged.
2. New Rapid Re-Housing or Joint Rapid Re-Housing/Transitional Housing for identified target populations (youth, recovery, DV) or in communities without adequate shelter resources.
3. Coordinated Entry navigators to serve high-barrier households in areas without navigators, or to serve, special populations, in particular, youth or domestic violence/sexual assault victims.
4. Expansion of existing high performing PSH or RRH programs to serve more households

Full detail on the 2020 reallocation process, including voluntary and involuntary reallocations will be included in the 2020 Reallocation Policy and Priorities document and the 2020 Project Applicant Guide.