

IL508 RANKING AND PRIORITY LIST NOFO COMPETITION YEAR 2021

OVERVIEW

Each year, the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funds competitively to nonprofit organizations, States, units of local governments, and instrumentalities of State or local government through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). To be eligible for funding, HUD requires each CoC to review the performance of projects applying for CoC funds, and to prioritize projects for funding by ranking them in order of priority to receive funds. Entities within St. Clair County compete for funding to serve the homeless population within their community. This year's funding requirement for St. Clair County totals **\$3,624,983** to renew projects servicing the homeless population. Also, an additional bonus funding of **\$180,000** is required to fund two (2) new expansion projects.

Renewal Projects

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Type
Call for Help, Inc.	Step Up to Independence II	PH
Call for Help, Inc.	Jobe Center	TH
CDBG Operations Corporation	Family Living Center	TH
CDBG Operations Corporation	Beacon Place	PH
CDBG Operations Corporation	New Beginnings	PH
Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	Chestnut Connections	PH
Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	Fairview Heights	PH
Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern IL	VPC Rapid ReHousing	PH
St. Clair County	Bethany Place PH	PH
St. Clair County	Home at Last	PH
St. Clair County	Journey Home	PH
St. Clair County	Lighthouse Rental Project	PH
St. Clair County	New Horizon	PH
St. Clair County	Next Step Up	PH
St. Clair County	Road Home	PH
St. Clair County	HMIS	HMIS
St. Clair County	Housing Resource Center	SSO

New Bonus Projects

St. Clair County	HMIS Expansion	HMIS
St. Clair County	Housing Resource Center Expansion	SSO

OBJECTIVE

Ranking is the process of prioritizing projects for funding based on national priorities, CoC local priorities and HUD requirements. It results in a listing of projects needed to satisfy the needs of the CoC and which are eligible to compete for CoC Program funds. St. Clair County CoC objective is to have an objective and transparent process to rank and prioritize all projects competing for CoC Program funds in this year's NOFO competition. To ensure fair and equitable treatment for all projects, St. Clair County CoC assigned the responsibilities of ranking and prioritizing these projects to the Rank & Review Committee. The Rank & Review Committee is staffed with volunteers from the CoC membership roll, who are not affiliated with any organization or group receiving funds under the CoC Program. This year's staff responsible for ranking and prioritizing projects includes May

Brown (Citizen), Maria Maloy of the Homeless Coalition of Saint Clair County & Cathedral, and Gina Walker of Inspired Incorporated.

The Rank & Review Committee used the nation's homelessness priorities and coupled them with the CoC's local priorities to set the overall priorities to rank projects competing in this year's competition.

Priority 1: Ending Homelessness. Address underserved populations and to maximize funding to end homelessness in St. Clair County.

Priority 2: Reducing Homelessness. Prioritize assistance for subpopulation with highest rate of homelessness based on physical, mental and substance abuse illnesses.

Priority 3: Permanent Housing Placement. Rapid placement and stabilization into permanent housing without preconditions.

Priority 4: Project Performance Score. Measure effectiveness of project meeting CoC needs.

RANKING METHOD

This year's ranking method will be based on four (4) priority groups. Projects will be ranked from highest to lowest with the highest score in that area receiving a ranking of one (1) and so forth. The final results of all priority ranking resulted in an average ranking across all areas. The project with the lowest average ranking received the highest ranking on the priority list and so forth. Projects with similar averages were ranked based on total person served. For tiebreakers, projects with the highest number of persons served were ranked higher than projects with lower numbers of persons served.

Priority 1: Ending Homelessness

First, the Rank & Review Committee used the CoC's most recent point in time data ([2020 Point in Time Report](#)) to identify populations with the highest needs within the CoC. These population groups were determined to be: *Households without Children* represented at 72%, *Persons over age 24* represented at 62%, and *Black or African American* represented at 80%. The Rank & Review Committee used the project's most recent APR data to determine the number of *Households without Children*, the number of *Persons over age 24*, and the number of *Black or African American* served by the project. Projects were ranked in these individuals areas and an overall average was used to determine the final ranking. Final ranking priority was defined by the lowest overall average. For tiebreakers, projects with similar overall averages were ranked based on total person served with ranking priority assigned to projects with higher number of persons served. Final ranking for all projects resulted in a number placement from 1 to 17 with the number 1 denoting the highest priority.

Priority 2: Reducing Homelessness

The Rank & Review Committee ranked projects based on the CoC's response to servicing homeless persons with disabilities. The Rank & Review Committee used the project's most recent APR data to determine the number of persons served with mental health problems, substance abuse disorder, developmental and physical disabilities. Projects were ranked based on the number of persons served across these areas. Projects with the highest

percentage of person served were ranked higher over projects with lower percentage of person served. Projects with similar results were then ranked based on the total persons served across all areas. Final ranking for all projects resulted in a number placement from 1 to 17 with the number 1 denoting the highest priority.

Priority 3: Permanent Housing Placement

The Rank & Review Committee ranked RRH and PSH projects based on the highest percentage of placement into permanent housing. The Rank & Review Committee used the project’s most recent APR data to calculate a percentage of households placed into permanent housing by dividing the number of *Households Served* by the *Total of Household Moved into Housing*. Projects with the highest percentage of placements were ranked higher than projects with lower placement percentages. Projects with similar results were then ranked based on the total *Household Served*. TH projects were ranked afterwards based on the number of *Household Served*. Final ranking for all projects resulted in a number placement from 1 to 17 with the number 1 denoting the highest priority.

Priority 4: Project Performance Score

The Rank & Review Committee reviewed the performance of each project to determine how effectively they are serving people experiencing homelessness. The Rank & Review Committee scored each project based on its most recent APR data. Projects scoring the highest were given higher consideration over projects with lower scores. Projects with similar results were then ranked based on cost per unit based on the project most recent APR funding data. Final ranking for all projects resulted in a number placement from 1 to 17 with the number 1 denoting the highest priority.

Infrastructure Projects

The ranking and prioritization placement of the two (2) infrastructure projects – Homeless Management Information System and Housing Resource Center – occurred after the national and CoC priorities of ending and reducing homeless through permanent housing solution were ranked and prioritized. The Rank & Review Committee viewed the infrastructure projects as support structures in providing the necessary tools needed for the CoC to track and refer homeless clients to various housing projects in an effort to end and to reduce homelessness throughout the geographic area. With this in mind, the Rank & Review Committee had the challenge in determining which one of the infrastructure project should receive the highest priority over the other. It is the Committee’s view that the referral and placement of homeless citizen via the Housing Resource Center resources aids in the eradication and reduction of homelessness in the CoC than the Homeless Management Information System. Consequently, the Housing Resource Center received greater consideration than the Homeless Management Information System in the ranking and prioritization list, which is reflective in all of the priority ranking results.

RANKING RESULTS

Priority 1: Ending Homelessness

Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name
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1	St. Clair County	Journey Home
2	St. Clair County	Lighthouse Rental Project
3	St. Clair County	New Horizon
4	St. Clair County	Next Step Up
5	Call for Help, Inc.	Jobe Center
6	CDBG Operations Corporation	Family Living Center
7	CDBG Operations Corporation	New Beginnings
8	Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	Fairview Heights
9	Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	Chestnut Connections - St. Clair
10	Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern IL	VPC Joint Expansion
11	CDBG Operations Corporation	Beacon Place
12	St. Clair County	Bethany Place Permanent Housing
13	Call for Help, Inc.	Step Up to Independence II
14	St. Clair County	Road Home
15	St. Clair County	Home at Last
16	St. Clair County	Housing Resource Center
17	St. Clair County	St. Clair County HMIS

Priority 2: Reducing Homelessness

Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name
1	CDBG Operations Corporation	New Beginnings
2	St. Clair County	Road Home
3	St. Clair County	Home at Last
4	Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	Fairview Heights
5	St. Clair County	Journey Home
6	Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	Chestnut Connections - St. Clair
7	CDBG Operations Corporation	Beacon Place
8	Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern IL	VPC Rapid ReHousing
9	St. Clair County	Bethany Place Permanent Housing
10	St. Clair County	Lighthouse Rental Project
11	St. Clair County	Next Step Up
12	CDBG Operations Corporation	Family Living Center
13	St. Clair County	New Horizon
14	Call for Help, Inc.	Step Up to Independence II
15	Call for Help, Inc.	Jobe Center
16	St. Clair County	Housing Resource Center
17	St. Clair County	HMIS

Priority 3: Permanent Housing Placement

Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name
1	St. Clair County	Next Step Up
2	Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern IL	VPC Rapid ReHousing
3	St. Clair County	Road Home
4	St. Clair County	Home at Last
5	St. Clair County	New Horizon
6	Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	Fairview Heights
7	St. Clair County	Lighthouse Rental Project
8	St. Clair County	Journey Home
9	CDBG Operations Corporation	Beacon Place
10	CDBG Operations Corporation	New Beginnings
11	Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	Chestnut Connections - St. Clair
12	St. Clair County	Bethany Place Permanent Housing
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14	Call for Help, Inc.	Jobe Center
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Priority 4: Project Performance Score

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2	Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	Fairview Heights
3	CDBG Operations Corporation	New Beginnings
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PRIORITY LIST METHOD

The Rank & Review Committee averaged the scores across all priority groups to determine the final priority list. Projects receiving the lowest averaged score received the highest priority ranking. Projects with similar scores were ranked on the priority list based on the cost per unit defined in their renewal application. Projects with the lowest per unit cost received a higher priority over those projects with higher per unit cost. Final ranking for all projects resulted in a number placement from 1 to 17 with the number 1 denoting the highest priority.

PRIORITY RANKING LIST

Tier 1 Renewal Projects

#	Applicant Name	Project Name
1	St. Clair County	Journey Home
2	Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	Fairview Heights
3	CDBG Operations Corporation	New Beginnings
4	St. Clair County	Next Step Up
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Bonus Projects

#	Applicant Name	Project Name
1	St. Clair County	Housing Resource Center Expansion
2	St. Clair County	St. Clair County HMIS Expansion