



## PY 2024 Ohio Consolidated Plan Supportive Housing Program Advisory Group Meeting

State Library of Ohio

Nov. 9, 2023

1 – 2:30 p.m.

### Advisory Group Members in Attendance

Colleen Bain  
Bambi Baughn  
Allison J. Gill  
Colleen Kosta (Guest)  
Susan Tafrate  
Nancy Voitus  
Deb Tegtmeyer  
Carlie J. Boos  
Beth Fetzer-Rice  
Marti Grimm (Guest)  
Erica Mulryan  
Lianna Barbu  
Shelley Stephens

### Ohio Department of Development Employees

Ian Thomas  
Patrick Hart  
Christina Blair  
Stephanie Hartzler  
Daniel Berger  
Ashley Germano  
Julie Jarrell  
Jennifer Griffin

### Overview: Office of Housing Support's Fair Housing Actions

Christina Blair presented an overview of the Office of Housing Support's (OHS) reviewed Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Homeless Crisis Response Grant Program (HCRP) issues and received comments.

### Overarching Program Issues

- Spending - Make sure the end of grant period ends with a \$0 balance – funds can be moved around rather than sending the money back.

## Reporting and Performance

- Staff indicated to participants that they need to get back on track to reporting in a timely manner.

## Other PAG Recommendations

- Look at performance standards/equity in funding.
- Home ARP \$ formulas.
- Shelters are aging, monies needed for projects like heating, cooling, etc.
- Cost effective cost of housing has risen/please think about it for cost effectiveness.
- Number of months of assistance has increased – wants to maintain housing stability.
- Takes longer to house; shortage of units; seeing back up in shelters; cost versus access to housing is a challenge.
- Projects assisted by tenant based rental assistance (TBRA), etc. – National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate NSPIRE) costing more for Housing Quality Standards(HQS).

## Eligible Activities

- Traditionally have not done renovation due to cost.

## Caps On Spending Homeless Prevention/Supportive Services

- Would have concerns if cap put back on due to Instability of markets.
- If don't have money for staff, will not be able to perform program.
- Finding units is harder due to investors buying up properties.
- Uses max allowable for Homeless Prevention due to rent so high.
- FMR is an issue/cost prohibitive/unit unavailable.
- Hold fees, application fees.
- Homelessness prevention is critical for stability.
- Many issues with Rapid Rehousing.

## Coordinated Funding-Spending Targets Thoughts

- ½ grant=50% spent ¾ grant 75% spent, etc. will be in grant agreements going forward.
- Don't penalize if unable to spend – would be responsible to allow grantee to return to give to someone else who needs it.
- Possible to make grantees report more often to hold them accountable – possible shorter contracts to help drive progress.
- Earlier dates for Federal Funds-60 days to obligate funds. Sept. 1, 2023 through Aug. 25, 2025.

## HCRP Pre-Application Thoughts

- New applicants only-not renewals.
- How to make process easier.
- Policies are helping a lot.

## SHP

- Continuum of Care (CoC) regulations match HUD regulations.
- Pre-application is helpful-takes pressure off people at local level.
- Needs outlined more clearly if pre-application needed for renewals of applications.
- The last pre-application was not clear on what was needed.
- Continuum support for only new apps would be good.
- Approval from trustees is cumbersome – Development looking to see if needed.

### **Training Needs**

- Appreciating Development gives the best model/it helps standardize/uniform/best practice.
- Shelter needs lots of training on Housing First.
- New grantee training to be put together.
- Written standards are going through the process of approval.
- Training on how to make an amendment.

### **Policy Changes Possible**

- If organization had multiple sites, it would be good to easily move monies between projects.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.