

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS INFORMATION GUIDANCE

# Financially Assisted Agencies FY 2019- FY 2021

October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2021

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# READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS

# I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is for the Community Services Department (CSD) to receive proposals from qualifying non-profit organizations to provide services related to the approved Service Categories. Further information can be found in the Palm Beach County Administrative Code Section 305.07 "Payments to Financially Assisted Agencies." The Health and Human Services Element of the *Comprehensive Plan of Palm Beach County* delineates goals and objectives that address the availability of health and human services necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents. In conjunction with the HHS Element, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution R-2013-1563, which created the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services (CAC/HHS). The CAC/HHS through, Resolution R-2013-1563, Section 3.D. Roles & Responsibilities is tasked with making recommendations on an annual basis during the Financially Assisted Agency funding process regarding the service and funding priorities, outcomes and contract requirements. An additional guiding document is "A Report of Health & Human Services in Palm Beach County – Based on Key Community Indicators 2017". You can find these documents at: <a href="http://www.pbcgov.com/communityservices">http://www.pbcgov.com/communityservices</a>.

Applicant requirements:

- Organizations will clearly identify how their service/program(s) address the Service Categories and system of care as approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- All applicants seeking County assistance must be chartered or registered with the Florida Department of State, have been incorporated for at least one agency fiscal year, and have provided services for at least six (6) months.
- All applicant agencies must hold current and valid 501(c)(3) status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.
- All applicants must demonstrate accountability through the submission of acceptable financial audits performed by an independent auditor.

Contractual insurance requirements if applicants are selected:

## Commercial General Liability

The AGENCY agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$500,000 Each Occurrence. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement(s) excluding nor limiting Premises/Operations, Personal Injury, Product/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, Severability of Interests or Cross Liability. Coverage shall be provided on a primary basis.

# Business Automobile Liability

The AGENCY agrees to maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$500,000 Each Occurrence. Coverage shall include liability for Owned, Non-Owned & Hired automobiles. In the event AGENCY does not own automobiles, AGENCY agrees to maintain coverage for Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy. Coverage shall be provided on a primary basis.

## Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability

The AGENCY shall maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 440. AGENCY shall provide coverage on a primary basis.

## **Professional Liability**

The AGENCY shall agree to maintain Professional Liability, or equivalent Errors & Omissions Liability, at a limit of liability not less than \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence. When a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible exceeds \$10,000, the County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and request a

copy of AGENCY most recent annual report or audited financial statement. For policies written on a "Claims-Made" basis, AGENCY warrants the Retroactive Date equals or precedes the effective date of this contract. In the event the policy is canceled, non- renewed, switched to an Occurrence Form, retroactive date advanced; or any other event triggering the right to purchase a Supplemental Extended Reporting Period (SERP) during the life of this contract, AGENCY shall agree to purchase a SERP with a minimum reporting period not less than two (2) years. The requirement to purchase a SERP shall not relieve AGENCY of the obligation to provide replacement coverage.

#### Additional Insured

The AGENCY agrees to endorse COUNTY as an Additional Insured with a CG026 Additional Insured or its equivalent – Designated Person or Organization endorsement to the Commercial General Liability. The additional insured shall read "Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, its Officers, Employees and Agents. Coverage shall be provided on a primary basis.

## Waiver of Subrogation

The AGENCY agrees by entering into this contract to a Waiver of Subrogation for each required policy herein. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit AGENCY to enter into an pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then AGENCY agrees to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy, which includes a condition specifically prohibiting such an endorsement, or voids coverage should AGENCY enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.

## Right to Review

COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and revise any insurance requirement, not limited to limits, coverages and endorsements based on insurance market conditions affecting the availability or affordability of coverage; or changes in the scope of work / specifications affecting the applicability of coverage. Additionally, the COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurance policies failing to meet the criteria stated herein or any insurer providing coverage due to its poor financial condition or failure to operating legally.

# Umbrella or Excess Liability

The AGENCY may satisfy the minimum liability limits required above for Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability under an Umbrella or Excess Liability policy. There is no minimum Per Occurrence limit of liability under the Umbrella or Excess Liability; however, the Annual Aggregate limit shall not be less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for the Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability. AGENCY agrees to endorse COUNTY as an "Additional Insured" on the Umbrella or Excess Liability, unless the Certificate of Insurance states the Umbrella or Excess Liability provides coverage on a pure/true "Follow-Form" basis.

# Certificate of Insurance

The AGENCY shall, at its sole expense, agree to maintain in full force and effect at all times during the life of this Contract, insurance coverages and limits (including endorsements), as described herein. AGENCY shall agree to provide the COUNTY with at least ten (10) day prior notice of any cancellation, non-renewal or material change to the insurance coverages. The requirements contained herein, as well as COUNTY'S review or acceptance of insurance maintained by AGENCY are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by AGENCY under the contract. Simultaneously with the AGENCY execution of this Contract, it shall be the responsibility of the AGENCY to provide initial evidence of the following minimum amounts of insurance coverage to:

Palm Beach County c/o Insurance Tracking Services, Inc. (ITS) P.O. Box 20270 Long Beach, CA 90801

Subsequently, the AGENCY shall, during the term of this Contract and prior to each renewal thereof, provide such evidence to ITS at pbc@instracking.com or fax (562) 435-2999, which is Palm Beach County's insurance management system, prior to the expiration date of each and every insurance required herein.

# II. OFFICIAL NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FINANCIALLY ASSISTED AGENCIES FY 2019 - 2021 NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Palm Beach County, Community Services Department (CSD), will be accepting proposals for the Financially Assisted Agencies program for Fiscal Years 2019 - 2021 (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2021). Contracts will be issued as a one (1) year contract with two (2), one (1) year renewal periods dependent on BCC allocations each year. Guidelines for proposals will be available on June 4, 2018.

# FINANCIALLY ASSISTED AGENCIES FY 2019-2021

**Eligible Applicants:** Not-for-Profit agencies holding current and valid 501(c)(3) status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

## Service Categories:

Homelessness

For a complete description of Service Category eligible activities, please refer to the recommendations for services section.

**Proposals and Amount of Funds Requested:** All proposals must be category-specific in service categories that are accepting RFPs. Applicants are not limited in the number of proposals submitted. The funding available for this RFP will be determined by the Board of County Commissioners.

# **Bidder's Conference:**

There will be a bidder's conference held on June 6, 2018 for all agencies submitting proposals. Confirmation of attendance must be received no later than June 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Please confirm your reservation by sending an email to *Stessy Cocerez* at scocerez@pbcgov.org. Verification of attendance will be sent via email. Please let Stessy Cocerez know if you do not receive a timely confirmation. Agencies are asked to limit their reservations to three (3) attendees due to space limitations.

## BIDDER'S CONFERENCE Wednesday, June 6, 2018 1:00 p.m. Basement Conference Room 810 Datura Street West Palm Beach, FL 33401

## **Proposal Guidelines**

If you are unable to attend the Bidder's Conference, please send an email to <u>CSD-FAARFP@pbcgov.org</u> to obtain the invitation code for access to the proposal application.

The RFP Guidance is available at: <a href="http://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/financiallyassisted/Pages/RFP.aspx">http://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/financiallyassisted/Pages/RFP.aspx</a>

http://discover.pbcgov.org/BusinessOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx

Paper copies are available upon request.

All proposals will have to be submitted through the Community Services Financially Assisted Agencies (FAA) RFP Submission website, which is located at the following link:

https://www.cybergrants.com/pbc/rfp\_fy2019

Submission through the website must be completed by **June 15, 2018 at 11:59 PM** in order for a proposal to be considered.

Additional resources and information are available at:

http://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/financiallyassisted/Pages/RFP.aspx

http://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/Pages/Citizens-Advisory-Committee.aspx

The FAA RFP Guidance is for reference purposes only, as the proposal must be submitted through the Palm Beach County Financially Assisted Agencies (FAA) RFP Submission website.

**DEADLINE DATE**: Completed proposals, submitted through the online application website must be completed and received by **11:59 p.m., on June 15, 2018**. Proposals submitted after 11:59 p.m. to the website will not be accepted or reviewed.

<u>Technical Assistance</u>: Any requests for technical assistance must be requested in writing and emailed to <u>CSD-FAARFP@pbcgov.org</u>. All questions and answers will be made available for the public to review at <u>http://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/financiallyassisted/Pages/RFP.aspx</u>

Staff will not be available to answer questions after 12:00 pm (noon) on June 14, 2018, which is one day before the submission deadline.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADA, THIS AD AND DOCUMENTS LISTED CAN BE REQUESTED IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT. AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST WITH AT LEAST THREE DAYS NOTICE (CONTACT CSD AT (561) 355-4718 or *Stessy Cocerez* at scocerez@pbcgov.org.

Financially Assisted Agencies FY 2019 RFP Information

# **III. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

# FINANCIALLY ASSISTED AGENCIES FY 2019 Schedule of Events

# <u>2018</u>

January 30 & 31:	Conduct public forums as part of the Collective Impact on Homelessness Meetings
February 22:	Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS) information update on RFP process
May 30:	RFP announced via email
June 4:	RFP available for public
June 6:	Bidder's Conference
June 11-15:	Reviewer Training
June 14 12:00 PM (noon):	Final day to submit written questions
June 15 11:59 PM:	RFP Proposal submission deadline
July 2:	<b>Homelessness</b> Review Panel meets to finalize review and score proposals. CSD Administration, 810 Datura Street, Basement Conference Room in West Palm Beach
July 3 -6:	Staff reconciles review panel rankings, funding availability and develops recommended allocations
July:	County Administration reviews FAA recommendations
August 21:	Final date to file a Funding Grievance
September:	Presentation of FY 2019 -2021 FAA recommendations to BCC
November:	BCC Contract Approval

# IV. CRITERIA FOR SERVICE CATEGORIES

## Financially Assisted Agencies RFP FY 2019 – FY 2021 Criteria for Service Categories

#### **<u>3-Year Funding Cycle:</u>**

The following service category that will be up for competitive proposal will be issued a one (1) year contract with two (2), one (1) year renewal periods dependent on BCC allocations each year.

#### 1. Homelessness

# V. CONE OF SILENCE

## CONE OF SILENCE FINANCIALLY ASSISTED AGENCIES FY 2019

**This RFP includes a Cone of Silence.** The Cone of Silence will apply from the date the RFP is due back to the department, which is June 15, 2018 until the final FAA allocations are approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

All parties interested in submitting a proposal will be advised of the following:

## Lobbying - "Cone of Silence"

Respondents are advised that the "Palm Beach County Lobbyist Registration Ordinance" (Ordinance), a copy of which can be accessed at: <u>http://discover.pbcgov.org/legislativeaffairs/Pages/Lobbying\_Regulations.aspx</u> is in effect. The Respondent shall read and familiarize themselves with all of the provisions of said Ordinance, but for convenience, the provisions relating to the Cone of Silence have been summarized here: "Cone of Silence" means a prohibition on any non-written communication regarding this RFP between any Respondent or Respondent's representative and any County Commissioner or Commissioner's staff any member of a local governing body or the member's staff, a mayor or chief executive officer that is not a member of a local governing body or the mayor or chief executive officer's staff, or any employee authorized to act on behalf of the commission or local governing body to award a contract. A Respondent's representative shall include but not be limited to the Respondent's employee, partner, officer, director or consultant, lobbyist, or any, actual or potential subcontractor or consultant of the Respondent.

The Cone of Silence is in effect as of the submittal deadline. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to oral communications at any public proceeding, including pre-bid conferences, oral presentations before selection committees, and contract negotiations during any public meeting. The Cone of Silence shall terminate at the time that the BCC awards or approves a contract, rejects all proposals or otherwise takes action, which ends the solicitation process.

# FY 2019-21 Financially Assisted Agencies Proposal Guidelines

# **\*\*START A NEW APPLICATION – DO NOT USE AN OLD ONE\*\***

# General Information – complete the "Cover Page" which is in the Request section of the Community Services Financially Assisted Agency (FAA) website:

- **1.** Name of Applicant Agency
- 2. Service Category identify the service category in which the proposal is being submitted.
- 3. Program Title
- 4. Specific Target Population including number to be served
- 5. Geographic Area Served
- 6. Commission Districts Served
- 7. Program Status (existing or new program)
- 8. Program Start Date (if a new program)
- **9.** Total Program Budget (program's total budget during the time period for which you are requesting funding)
- **10.** Amount of Funding Request (how much you are requesting in the proposal)
- 11. Unit Cost Service Description
- 12. Unit Cost of Service
- 13. Identify if agency is currently certified by Nonprofits First or another accreditation entity approved by CSD
- 14. Overview (3 sentence overview of the program this must be short and concise and will be used to communicate the purpose of programs and services to the Board of County Commissioners and various publications)

## Summary

Please submit a proposal:

- Addressing all components of the Community Services FAA website <u>https://www.cybergrants.com/pbc/rfp\_fy2019</u>. All applicants attending the mandatory bidder's conference will be approved to access the full proposal. The full proposal can be revised prior to final submission, which is due no later than *June 15, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.*
- Written in plain language; a narrative that fully addresses all questions in the FAA RFP Guidelines.
- That is understandable to people unfamiliar with your organization or your area of expertise.
- That specifically addresses the funding priorities set out in this Request for Proposal.

Please refer to the FAA RFP guidance provided throughout the website for further description or definition of any of the required areas.

## **Guidelines for Proposals include:**

## 1. Project Narrative (25 pts)

A. Describe the clients/population that will be served:

- Homeless Families with Children
- Homeless Individuals

- Homeless Youth (Ages 18-24)
- B. List the total number of unduplicated persons that will be served. Specify the number on a monthly and annual basis.
- C. How will your proposed activity coordinate with the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center (Homeless Resource Center)? How has your agency been involved with Coordinated Entry? If your agency has not been involved, please describe your willingness and timeline for participation.
- D. Describe key staff that will be working on your project. The description should include position titles, education and experience required. Including specific staff names is optional
- E. Describe the capacity of your organization. Include the following in your description:
  - Length of time in business
  - Length of time undertaking activity for which funding is being requested
  - Number of full-time, paid administrative and/or fiscal staff
  - Number of full-time, paid programmatic staff
  - Number of active volunteers
- F. Describe how your agency is (or is working to become more) inclusive and equitable, both in terms of internal practices and programming, and in terms of external partnerships and other with community.
- G. What steps has your agency taken or plans to take in order to establish, develop or continue policies, practices, and procedures that increase racial equity in the following areas: Training, hiring and retention, board development, community engagement and partnerships, and other organizational work?
- H. Describe prior or planned efforts to ensure staff receives the following trainings and how they would be incorporated into service delivery:
  - Racial Equity Training
  - Adverse Childhood Experiences Training (ACE's)
  - Cultural Competency Training
  - Trauma Informed Care Training
- I. For Rapid Re- Housing Projects (RRH) and Housing Focused Case Management that supports RRH include the following information:
  - How clients will be selected for service(s)
  - The maximum amount of assistance to be provided per individual/family
  - The maximum period to receive such assistance
  - Types of services to be offered
  - Who will provide the service(s)
  - The process for procuring rental property for clients
  - How the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless and Housing Alliance (HHA) RRH standards and Housing Focused Case Management standards have been utilized in establishing/operating the program

# 2. Evaluation Approach (15 pts)

- A. Complete the 2019-21 Financially Assisted Agencies (FAA) Evaluation Plan/Logic Model and upload into the designated section. (Please name your uploaded document as such: EPLM\_FY19.xls or EPLM\_FY19.xlsx)
  - Ensure outcomes are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time bound).
  - Ensure outcomes are reflective of those stated in the FAA RFP Guidance.
- B. How does your agency use program evaluation and best practice program models to develop and implement the programs that you operate?
- C. What is your agency's overall approach to building these practices into your programs? Please give an example of a change made to an existing program or a time your agency developed a new program based on a best practice or the results of an evaluation.

# **3.** Prior Outcomes and Response to Community Data (10 pts)

A. Discuss prior outcomes and other relevant data that demonstrates success of the services in this proposal.

For RRH include data that can be supported in CMIS

- The percent of clients that have increased or maintained their income in the last year of the program
- The percent of leavers that exited to Permanent housing
- The percent of returns to homelessness within the last two years
- B. Review the data sources provided that demonstrate a need for services in the category you are applying for. Describe how your proposal will respond to the need demonstrated by the data provided.

## 4. Data Management (10 points)

- A. How does your agency ensure quality data collection, data entry, and reporting for homeless services programs in ClientTrack, the Client Management Information System (CMIS)? If your program is not currently participating in ClientTrack, describe your plan for increasing agency capacity to quickly begin collecting and entering data. (All agencies awarded FAA funds must participate in CMIS. All clients served with FAA funds must be entered into CMIS. Funding requires that all clients served be entered and exited in CMIS during the applicable fiscal year. Agencies must execute the required partner and user agreements with Palm Beach County and must participate in the data sharing of CMIS on an ongoing basis throughout the term of their FAA contract in order to maintain eligibility for reimbursement. Provisions are in place within CMIS to protect client confidentiality, yet still report statistical data.)
- B. Provide an example of program changes your agency has made based on data collected. For each example, describe briefly (a) how the problem was identified, (b) what steps your agency took to make the improvement and (c) the measurable impacts of these changes. Examples may come from CMIS as well as other data sources such as participant feedback and staff observations.

# 5. Partnerships, Resources and Collaboration (20 pts)

- A. Describe how your agency is part of the larger system of care and or housing resources for people experiencing homelessness and/or domestic violence. Give an example of how your agency is connected to other organizations that are or have supported your agency's program participants.
- B. How will your agency work collaboratively to support exits to permanent housing or other services as needed in a seamless, person friendly way? Describe any key, formal partnerships that are jointly designed with other agencies and indicate whether they are formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or subcontract.
- C. How will your organization continue to address this need (or solve this problem) if current funding ends?

# 6. Budget (20 pts)

- A. Complete proposed program budget using the template provided in the online application. Review the "sample" and "guidelines" tabs provided before completing the template. Ensure the requested fund justifications are complete. (Please name your uploaded document as such: **Budget\_FY19.xls** or **Budget\_FY19.xlsx**)
- B. Ensure administration expenses are limited to 15%. The Budget Justification must be thoroughly completed. (Please describe in detail each of the line items requested in the budget. Employee positions should include brief descriptions of their duties in the program). If you are charging an indirect/administrative cost rate then you must remove any other line items related to indirect/administrative expenses. If an indirect cost rate is being requested, an approved cost plan from a cognizant agency must be included.
- C. Total Agency Budget to be attached to the proposal. The Budget forms that are part of the proposal do not need to be utilized for this budget as it can be in any form, but it should include all agency funding sources as well as expenditures by program. (Please name your uploaded document as such: TotalAgencyBudget\_FY19.xls or TotalAgencyBudget\_FY19.xls or TotalAgencyBudget\_FY19.pdf)
- D. Ensure FAA requested funding is not more than 25% of the Total Agency Budget.
- E. Submit most recent audit report. If there were findings, describe corrective actions. (Please name your uploaded document as such: Audit\_FY19.pdf)
- F. Submit Year-End Financial Statements and IRS Form 990. If not submitted explain why. (Please name your uploaded document as such: **YearEndFS\_FY19.pdf** and **IRS990\_FY19.pdf**)
- G. Submit proposed Unit Cost service description and unit cost of service rate. (Is this an industry standard? If so, please state source)
- H. Ensure both the unit cost service description and cost rate are clear and accurately calculated. Formulas used to arrive at the cost rate should be included.
- I. Is FAA funding being used as match for another funding source? If so please explain.

## **Priority Area Score**

The Review Panel will rank all proposals based on how critical they deem the program is for the system of care. The SCORE awarded to a proposal is reflective of how competitive the proposal is. The RANKING of the proposals is reflective of how imperative and critical the services are to ensure availability and access. Ranking will be based on priorities established through the collective impact meetings on January 30 and 31, 2018.

# VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## 1. Proposal Guarantee:

Proposer guarantees their commitment, compliance and adherence to all requirements of the RFP by submission of their proposal.

## 2. Modified Proposals:

Proposer may submit a modified proposal to replace all or any portion of a previously submitted proposal until the Deadline for receipt of proposals. The County will only consider the latest proposal submitted.

# 3. Late Proposals, Late Modified Proposals:

Proposals and/or modifications to proposals submitted after the deadline are late and shall not be considered.

## 4. Costs Incurred by Proposers:

All expenses incurred with the preparation and submission of proposals to the County, or any work performed in connection therewith, shall be borne by the proposer. No payment will be made for proposals received, or for any other effort required of or made by the proposers, prior to commencement of work as defined by a contract approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

## 5. Public Record Disclosure:

Proposers are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of, proposals will be available for public inspection in compliance with the Florida Public Records Act.

# 6. Palm Beach County Office of the Inspector General Audit Requirements:

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code 2-421 through 2-440, as may be amended, which is authorized and empowered to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records. The Inspector General has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and require the production of records, and audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the AGENCY, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud. Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interference or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code 2-421 through 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

## 7. Commencement of Work:

The County's obligation will commence when the contract is approved by the Board of County Commissioners or their designee and upon written notice to the proposer. The County may set a different starting date for the contract. The County will not be responsible for any work done by the proposer, even work done in good faith, if it occurs prior to the contract start date set by the County.

8. Non- Discrimination: The proposer must warrant and represent that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin,

ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or genetic information.

## VIII. Recommendations for Services: Homelessness in Palm Beach County

In anticipation of the FY 2019 Financially Assisted Agencies (FAA) Request for Proposals (RFP) process, Palm Beach County Community Services staff collaborated with service providers and community partners to gather information about Homelessness needs for the community. The providers and collaborating partners came together and met on January 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The community service providers represented a broad scope of services and actively participated in the information-gathering process.

Programs and services in this category should address outcomes and performance measures that demonstrate positive change toward the County's goal of ending homelessness. All efforts should be in support of the following:

- Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Palm Beach County
- The Five Year In: An update on the Palm Beach County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness
- The Palm Beach County Housing Initiative, Leading the Way Home
- Priorities established at the 2018 Collective Impact to End Homelessness session.

Please see the data sources Point in Time Data and Housing Plan located at <u>http://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/financiallyassisted/Pages/RFP.aspx</u>. Proposals should include strategies and interventions that respond to the data provided.

Funding priorities for this RFP are below:

- 1. End Homelessness through Affordable Housing Strategy #1 Rapid Re-Housing
- 2. Housing Focused Case Management Strategy #2 Housing Focused Case Management supporting a Rapid Re-Housing program

# A project can be submitted that combine both of these priorities or only one.

Agencies that are awarded funding will be expected to participate in coordinated entry in collaboration with the Continuum of Care Homeless and Housing Alliance. Any agency receiving FAA funding will be expected to adhere to the Standards of Care for their component as adopted by the **Palm Beach County Homeless and Housing Alliance**. Funded agencies must also become a member in good standing of the Homeless and Housing Alliance within the first year of their project. To qualify as a member in good standing organizations must meet the HHA attendance requirements - 60% attendance at the general HHA meetings and 70% attendance at sub-committee meetings as defined in the HHA Bylaws, Article 3, Section 2 found at www.hhapbc.org

# **DEFINITIONS:**

**Housing Focused Case Management** – A collaborative process that assesses, plans, implements, coordinates, monitors, and evaluates the options and services required to meet the client's housing and human service needs. It is characterized by advocacy, communication, and resource management and promotes quality and cost-effective interventions and outcomes.

**Rapid Re-Housing -** An intervention designed to help individuals and families exit homelessness as quickly as possible, return them to permanent housing, and achieve long-term housing stability. Rapid Re-Housing is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety) and the resources and services provided are tailored to the unique needs of each household. The core components of a Rapid Re-Housing program are housing identification and relocation, short and/or medium term rental assistance, move-in (financial) assistance, case management and housing stabilization services.

# Homeless Performance and Outcome Expectations -

Funded programs are expected to perform in the following ways:

- Rapid Re Housing should ensure that 80% of clients remain permanently housed 1 year of exit from the program
- Case Management should include support services to increase the number of clients served by the program and increase the capacity of the agency to house formerly homeless individuals/families
- Homeless Families and Individuals including youth will be served through the acuity/chronicity lists currently managed at the senator Philip D Lewis Center

#### **Grievance** Notice

#### **Grievance Notice Form**

#### Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Community Services Department-

#### **FAA Program**

Grievances may be filed by an entity submitting an RFP (Proposer) that is aggrieved in connection with deviations from the established PROCESS for reviewing proposals and making recommended awards. The amount of recommended awards may not be grieved through this procedure.

If you wish to file a grievance with the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Financially Assisted Agencies Program, this Grievance Notice Form must be completed, submitted, and received by the Director of the Department of Community Services within seven (7) business days of August 10, 2018. You will receive a written response within fifteen (15) business days of the receipt of this form by the Director of the Department of Community Services. There is no administrative fee associated with filing this grievance.

When completed, submit this Grievance Notice Form via mail or email to:

Mr. James Green, Director
Department of Community Services
810 Datura Street, First Floor
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401
JGreen1@pbcgov.org

Entity Filing Grievance: \_\_\_\_\_

Which process was allegedly deviated from? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe in detail the alleged deviation; including how you were directly affected and what remedy you seek (add additional pages as needed):