

Finding Funds For Supportive Housing:

*everything you've always wanted to know
about CoC funding but were afraid to ask...*



Funding for Supportive Housing

- What population is served by these funds?
- What are the eligible uses for these funds?
- Who has access to these funds and how do we get some?
- Barriers and opportunities associated with funding source?
- What are the responsibilities associated with administering these funds?

Definitions:

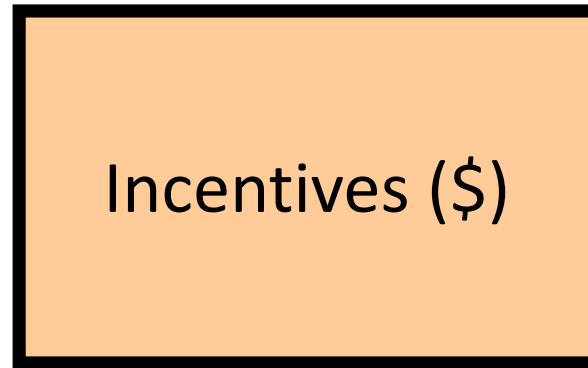
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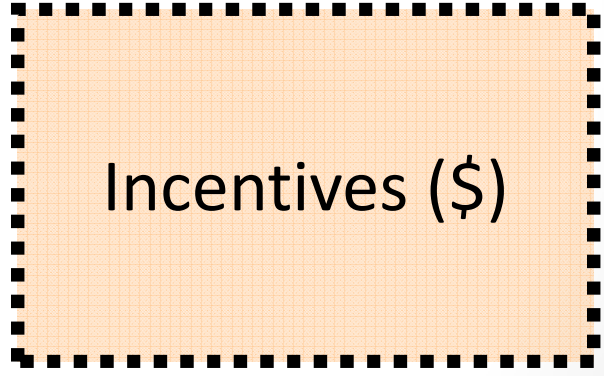
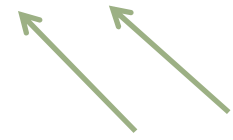
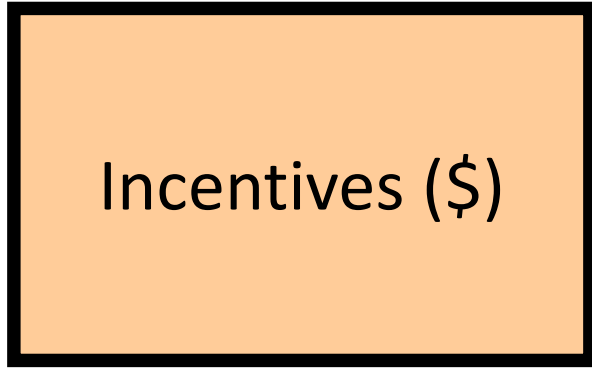
HUD:

- Long term housing assistance (24+ months) where supportive services are provided to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently
- Community-based without a designated length of stay

HEARTH Act : 2009

- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Programs +
- Shelter Plus Care (S+C) +
- Supportive Housing Program +
- Moderate Rehabilitation/SRO Program +
- **ALL = one single Program: The Continuum of Care Program**





Programs



Systems

Activities



Outcomes

Shelter



Prevention

Transitioning



Rapidly Re-Housing



What is a CoC:

- A). a “cast of characters”
- B.) a group of different agencies that keeps getting all of the money the rest of us don’t know about
- C). another meeting that isn’t worth my time
- D). None of the above

- **ANSWER: D!!!**

CONTINUUM OF CARE (Coc)

A regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals.

Organizations such as: nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans and homeless and formerly homeless persons.





WE WANT YOU!

CoC funding :

What does it pay for:

- Operating costs 😊 (TH or PSH)
- Leasing (not in structures owned by recipient)
- Rental Assistance
- Supportive Services
- HMIS/Administration

- Acquisition, rehab, and new construction

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Eligibility

For individuals (and their families) who are homeless *and* disabled. PSH vouchers/funding primarily for those who are:

- *Seriously mentally ill*
- *Have a chronic substance abuse disorder*
- *Have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS*

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Eligibility:

Recent HUD guidance (July, 2014) calls for further targeting & prioritization of PSH units:

1. Chronically Homeless (CH) + longest history + highest acuity
2. CH + longest history
3. CH + highest acuity
4. CH

PSH: what does it pay for?

- Housing Assistance Payments (e.g. rental assistance)
- Administration costs (don't get too excited...)
- Operations
- Supportive Services (limited)
- **Who has it?** Example -Division of Housing:

State administered PSH :

- Approximately 500 tenant based rental subsidies
- One project in each of the 3 continua of care

Local Partners:

- Private non-profit service providers, Community Mental Health providers

PSH: benefits and challenges

- Resource available for the hardest to house in your community
- Match & Leveraging requirement = intensive supportive services
- Other administrative requirements: homeless verification, HMIS
- Great expectations... goal is to GET folks housed, KEEP folks housed
- Tenant based vs. project based

OK, so how can we get PSH?

- NEW PARTNERSHIPS
- RE-ALLOCATION
- POTENTIAL FOR NEW PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BONUS (“AKA” SAMARITAN BONUS)

PSH funding opportunities in Colorado

**Currently funded TH projects in
the CoC's**

**Does this align with HUD
funding priorities and
community goals for ending
homelessness?**

PSH funding opportunities in Colorado

- Supportive Services
- Re-allocation
- Are projects consistently returning money every year?
 - How much?
 - Is it enough to fund a few units in a new PSH project?

PSH funding opportunities in Colorado

CoC New Permanent Housing Bonus Project:

- Bonus funds available for CoC funds (based on CoC need and project quality) for new projects
- New project: must be for an eligible CoC program component *and* meet priorities identified in the annual HUD NOFA

Example, FY 13 NOFA: PH Bonus

New project must:

- Propose to serve 100% chronically homeless PSH
- Scattered site leasing or tenant based rental assistance
- No less than 70% of total funding for leasing, rental assistance, or operating costs
- Operating cost or project-based rental assistance **IF** units are ready to be occupied within 6 months of award

PSH funding opportunities in Colorado

- Look to CoC funds for operating in PSH or rental assistance
- Other sources of services funding?
 - Local funds
 - TANF
 - ESG
 - Medicaid funds for services (*hint: partner with an agency that can bill Medicaid...*)

Non Federal Sources– Potential Operating \$\$

- State Housing Vouchers
- HPAP...don't forget to “check the box” on your taxes!
- Other foundations/organizations in your community?

Developers: what's in it for you?

- Besides the obvious...housing for the most vulnerable fellow Coloradans
- And the other obvious- access to additional operating funds needed to make a PSH project work
- An entity tracking and reporting (to Feds and community the number of homeless persons and their housing needs/gaps)
- A vehicle for coordinated intake and assessment to get you the right referrals for housing

Thank You!

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