

# Subsidized Housing Programs: A Basic Overview for Advocates

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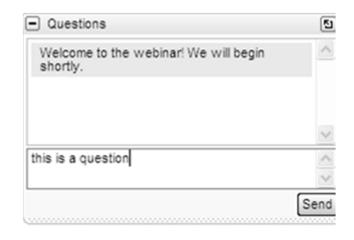




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#### Agenda

- History of HEARTH Act
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program
- Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- What does this mean for you?





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#### **HEARTH Act**

"...establish a federal goal of ensuring that individuals and families who become homeless return to permanent housing within 30 days."





#### **HEARTH Act Shifts**

Programs

Systems

**Activities** 

Outcomes

Shelter

Prevention

**Transitioning** 

Rapid Re-housing





#### **HEARTH Act Measures**

- Number of people who become homeless
- Returns to homelessness
- Duration of homeless episode



#### **ESG Funding**



## ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) FORMULA FUNDING

**ACTIVITIES:** Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-

housing, HMIS

**RECIPIENTS:** States, territories, cities, urban counties +

subs

**IN EFFECT:** As of January 4, 2012



### **CoC Funding**



## CoC (Continuum of Care) COMPETITIVE FUNDING

ACTIVITIES: Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Supportive Services, Transitional Housing, Prevention\*

**RECIPIENTS**: CoCs and subrecipients

IN EFFECT: As of August 30, 2012



#### **ESG:** The Facts



#### Administration

- For homeless and at-risk households
- 60% of grant (or remaining amount used for FY2010 shelter activities) must be used for prevention/rapid re-housing
- 7.5% of grant can be used for admin expenses (formerly 5%)



#### **ESG:** The Facts



#### **Programs**

- Must participate in coordinated assessment
- Participants must receive case management services

#### The System

- Must coordinate with CoC
- Must participate in HMIS
- Must target prevention to those below 30% of AMI





Incorporate a permanent housing/rapid rehousing focus by:

- Educating and training staff, board members, funders
- Developing resources for short-term financial assistance

Target prevention funds using data



#### **CoC: The Facts**



- Replaces three former programs: SRO/Mod. Rehab, Shelter Plus Care, and Supportive Housing Program
- Changes in terminology and definitions: collaborative applicants, Unified Funding Agencies (UFA)
- 10% can be used for persons homeless under other definitions
- New system-wide match requirements





#### **Programs**

 Can no longer require persons to participate in disability related services (like substance abuse service)

#### The System

#### Must develop:

- Prioritization standards
- CoC board that includes a homeless or formerly homeless person;
   subrecipients must also have consumers on their board
- System-wide performance goals
- Coordinated assessment process

Opportunity to be High Performing Community



#### **CoC: Best Practice**



- Measure program performance
- Retool and adjust programs to better meet HEARTH outcomes
- Use consumers in meaningful ways
- Connect and collaborate with the homeless assistance system on governance and data issues





#### What does this mean for you?

Well, that depends...

At a minimum:

- Coordinated Entry
- Rapid Re-Housing

Things to keep in mind:

Rights of survivors





#### Coordinated Entry

- Location and Emergency Accommodation
- Assessment Process and Certification of Homelessness
- Staffing

Resource: Incorporating DV Providers Checklist





#### Rapid Re-Housing

- Temporary assistance to stabilize in housing.
- Does not mean NO services. Means housing THEN services.
- Core aspects:
  - Housing Search and Landlord Negotiation
  - Financial Assistance
  - Services

Resource: DV Rapid Re-housing Toolkit





#### Survivor Rights

- Self-certification of homelessness.
- Confidentiality.
- Moves/transfers.





#### What you SHOULD be doing NOW!

- Get a seat at the table.
- Educate and engage.
- Make it a priority.





#### Q and A

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