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2018-2020 HSNH Application- Funding award and next steps

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Good afternoon-

As mentioned on the call, DHCD goes through an extensive application review process in awarding VHSP and HOPWA funding. DHCD homeless and special needs housing staff review each proposal individually and then meet as a group to discuss and come to a consensus score. We take this process very seriously ensuring that we assess all proposed grantees as well as the community as a whole. With 27 proposals and over 90 grantees to be reviewed, the process took approximately a month to complete. That all took place in April. Typically, we held these calls earlier but we couldn't do so until there was a state budget in place. Governor Northam signed the budget Thursday, June 7. The contracts will be for the grant period of July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. Our goal is to have the contracts executed as quickly as possible - hopefully by July 1. Should that not happen, the contracts will be retroactive to July 1 so there should not be a gap in services.

We received VHSP funding requests for over \$17 million with approximately \$14.6 million available to allocate. Requests ranged from slight increases over current funding levels to a 68 percent increase over current funding. Obviously, we were not able to meet those requests. In fact, it is difficult to significantly adjust current levels given essentially level funding and the need to provide statewide coverage. However, we made several changes to our process over previous competitions.

In previous years, we used the award amounts from the prior funding cycle as a starting point to determine new award amounts. However, this year we are using the actual expenditure amounts as the starting point. Another change is that in previous years we tiered the funding. For example, the top quarter may have received an increase in funding, the next tier down may have received a smaller increase or level funding, and the bottom tiers may have received decreases in funding. Instead this year we are using the variance from the median to determine funding levels for communities scoring above the 60 point funding threshold. Scores ranged from 87 to 60 with the median of 78. Communities scoring 78 points will receive funding level to their total 2016-2017 expenditures. Communities scoring above 78 points will receive slight increases and those scoring below 78 points will receive slight decreases. Funding ranges from a 1.8 percent increase to a 3.6 percent decrease.

Four communities scored below the 60 point threshold. As noted in the application, DHCD reserves the right to fund below the threshold to ensure geographic coverage. Those communities will receive conditional contracts with funding levels approximately 16.2 percent less than FY 2016-2017 expenditure levels.

HOPWA funding increased this year so we are able to fund at requested levels for communities meeting the 60 point threshold.

The Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Coalition's application scored 82 points. This score resulted in a funding award of \$1,047,754.

Next steps:

1. With the confirmed award amount, the CoC/LPG should resubmit the Year 1 funding request. Please have this completed by next Tuesday, June 26th.
2. Attend an implementation webinar: All grantees are required to attend one implementation webinar. The webinars will be held on Monday, July 9th and Tuesday, July 10th. Details for the webinars are below as well as the link to join.

Implementation Webinars

Monday, July 9th, 1:00pm

<https://intercall.webex.com/intercall/j.php?MTID=m6c32d5731d1f58149d7bebbcca3f69d2>

Meeting number: 599 681 546

JOIN BY PHONE: Call-in toll-free number: 1-866-842-5779 (US)

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Tuesday, July 10th, 10:00am

<https://intercall.webex.com/intercall/j.php?MTID=m79cd06496762f5e0adae4aee6c539b76>

Meeting number: 596 027 283

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I will be sending more specific information related to the application's review at a later date but wanted to provide this information sooner rather than later.

Thanks,
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