



Attending: Donna Carrington, Allison De Marco, Kathleen Ferguson, Anne-Marie Vanaman

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Background on ESG-CV Round 1

Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness staff and agencies in Orange County have been submitting applications and generating staff scoring for projects over the past week. Project Review Committee (PRC) members received applications on September 28, and scored applications September 28-October 5. The total amounts applied for funding is \$101,825 in total ESG funds in two categories:

Crisis Response: Emergency Shelter Operations and Services

- No more than \$61,095 of the \$101,825 is available for this activity

Housing Stability: Rapid Rehousing

- No less than \$40,730 of the \$101,825 is available for this activity

Project Application Review

Two agencies submitted two project applications:

- The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) submitted a renewal project application for HomeStart Shelter operations-- \$61,095 requested
- Orange County submitted a new project application for Rapid Rehousing -- \$40,730 requested

To avoid conflict of interest PRC member, Allison De Marco, will not score or discuss IFC project and will not vote on funding recommendation because her sister serves on the IFC board.

Members reviewed each scorecard for each project and finalized scoring for metrics where there were questions. If any reviewer marked a metric as Unmet, the metric was flagged for further discussion. PRC members focused on application materials submitted to score metrics. Because the State ESG Office did not require a project application for renewals, many metrics were unable to be scored for IFC, those were marked as N/A. In communicating scores to applicants, PRC members would like staff to communicate to applicants the strong recommendation that agencies examine and address any Unmet metrics. PRC members will be looking for policy changes to be incorporated in future grant application materials.

Members recorded final scores and notes for UNMET metrics in these documents:

- IFC Project Scorecard: HomeStart Shelter Operations
- Orange County Scorecard: Rapid Rehousing

Feedback on Tools and Process

- In situations, like this grant cycle, when the funding application amounts exactly match the Orange County allocation, the PRC would like to keep the same process for grant review. Funders require communities to review and oversee of funding recommendations. Also PRC members may recommend to award less funding than agency applied for in certain circumstances. The grant review process could potentially be shortened in the future if reviewers become more familiar with projects and applicant agencies
- Zipped folders did not work well for PRC members – OCEPH staff will find other way to share files for future grant cycles



Project Review Committee Meeting Agenda
Friday, October 9, 2020, 1:30-3 p.m.
Via Zoom

- At the next PRC meeting on December 11, PRC members will discuss the scoring rubrics/community standards to determine if these are set appropriately
- PRC members found it difficult to score without IFC project application. In future grant cycles, OCPEH staff will send PRC members a list of materials required for submission by funder to determine if PRC would like to request additional materials.

Funding Recommendation

OCPEH Project Review Committee members (De Marco abstaining) recommend to the Leadership Team the following projects for funding in the FY20-21 Emergency Solutions Grant RFA:

- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC), HomeStart Shelter operations-- \$61,095
- Orange County, Rapid Rehousing -- \$40,730

Next Meeting: December 11, 3-4:15pm regularly scheduled meeting

- OCPEH staff will send information the week prior to the meeting