

Lowell CoC 2018 (MA 508)

2018: Project Priority Ranking and Program Policy & Performance Evaluation

HUD requires Collaborative Applicants to rank all renewal and new projects, except for planning grants into two tiers. The Evaluation and Scoring Committee (ESC) evaluates and scores proposals submitted for new funding according to funding priorities and other criteria as determined by the Continuum of Care Advisory Board (CCAB) in accordance with "Opening Doors," the federal strategic plan to end homelessness and of the Continuum of Care program authorized by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH) Act and the HEARTH Interim Rule. New projects will be scored as a standalone application and scored on a 100-point basis.

Available Funding by Tier: From HUD Exchange [2018 Program Estimated ARD](#)

CoC # & Name	PPRN	Estimated ARD	Estimated ARD at 94%	CoC Planning	Bonus	DV Bonus
MA 508-Lowell CoC	\$1,525,326	\$804,106	\$755,860	\$45,760	\$91,520	\$152,533

Available Funding by Tier: The Lowell CoC's estimated ARD for 2018 is: \$804,106

Tier 1 = 94% = \$755,860

Tier 2 = Total ARD (804,106) + Amount available for bonus (91,520)

– Tier 1 (755,860)

= \$ 91,520

A project that falls across the Tier1/ Tier 2 line may or may not be funded.

Based on reviews with HUD and the City of Lowell, a determination was made to eliminate the House of Hope Transitional Housing program and to reduce the grant for the Pathfinder PSH program. The program at House of Hope is part of the MA Emergency Assistance program and is therefore classified as Emergency Shelter. Bridgewell eliminated a day program and had a contract amendment in 8/2017 to reduce the grant for the Pathfinder PSH program. The renewal is equal to the same amount that is contracted for FY19. Bridgewell will be combining the two projects for the FY18 application.

A notice went out to the entire CoC on July 1st calling for concept papers for new projects to be created from reallocated funds as well as housing and domestic violence bonus funds. The CoC received one proposal for a DV bonus RRH project from Alternatives Inc, and one TH-RRH project from Community Team Work to be created from reallocated funds. The CoC did not receive any proposals to create a project from the housing bonus funds.

The CoC determined at a meeting on July 20th to use funds from the reallocated projects to keep all of the renewals within Tier 1. This chart reflects the projects that will be part of the application, and shows how reallocated funds were calculated and applied. This is NOT a ranked list.

ARD = \$804,106						
RANK	Org	Pjt	Type	Budget	94%	Difference
Tier One						
1	City of Lowell	City of Lowell/ HMIS/CE II	Planning/ HMIS	\$66,224	\$62,251	\$3,973
2	CTI	CTI Youth RRH	TH- RRH	\$85,604	\$80,468	\$5,136
3	Alternative House	Alternative House, Transitional Housing Program	TH	\$169,754	\$159,569	\$10,185
4	Bridgewell	Pathfinder Apartments	PH	\$83,041	\$78,059	\$4,982
5	Bridgewell	Pathfinder PSH	PH	\$245,150	\$230,441	\$14,709
6	CTI	CTI Youth Reallocation Housing Project	TH - RRH	\$106,087		\$38,986
Total Tier One Allocation (94% of ARD)				\$755,860		
Tier Two						
7	CTI	CTI Youth New Housing Bonus Project	TH - RRH	\$91,520		
8	Alternative House	Alternative House - Women in Transition - TH- RRH	TH - RRH	\$152,533		
Additional project not to be ranked						
N/A	Bridgewell	Pathfinder Consolidated PH*	PSH	\$328,191		
N/A	City of Lowell	Capacity Building Grant	Planning	\$45,760		
Total request				\$1,045,673		
		Reallocate	HoH	\$90,038		
			Pathfinder	\$64,295		
			Reallocate total:	\$154,333	\$145,073	
		*This is a combined program	PSH	\$245,150		
			Apartments	\$83,041		

Project Review and Rating

The Lowell CoC is ranking renewal projects based on various objective criteria including contract compliance, HMIS adherence, population served, and positive housing outcomes. HMIS data is limited for this application as most of the projects are in their first year, and do not have HMIS data to use for scoring.

Ranking Plan

1. Prioritize renewals over new projects to preserve current CoC housing and program capacity. Projects that didn't meet CoC and HUD priorities have been reallocated or reduced to improve effectiveness.
2. Prioritize capacity building grants such as CE, HMIS, and planning grant above all, then first year renewals.
3. Renewal projects serving transitional age youth, survivors of domestic violence, and chronic homelessness will be prioritized in this order.
4. Any PH renewals will be based on overall project score
5. Prioritize new reallocation projects after renewals.
6. Prioritize new DV project last based on how the bonus is structured and that if the DV Bonus project is selected for conditional award, it will be removed from ranking and if the DV Bonus project is not conditionally selected with DV Bonus funds, the DV Bonus project will be reclassified to bonus and will be considered in the normal ranking process. So if the project wants to fund the housing bonus project, the DV project should go last.