

November 2017 Community Projects Review Committee Report

Report

Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC) hosted an FY17 CoC Program Competition Debrief on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 with CoC Grant Writers, Program Managers, and Community Projects Review Committee (CPRC) members in attendance. The debrief was used to collect feedback on this year's competition process to improve future competition cycles.

FY17 CoC Program Competition Debrief

The applicants offered the following comments:

- Appreciated the length of time given to complete the RFP (Request for Proposals) and eSNAPS application
- RFP Briefing was helpful to review questions and expectations
- Applicants requested TCHC offer more technical assistance in eSNAPS and discussed possibility of one-on-one vs. group sessions
- CoC competition FAQ on the TCHC website may lessen the questions being sent to TCHC
- RFP questions should note if there is a character limit in eSNAPS
- Individualized CPRC feedback for each application requested

The CPRC offered the following comments:

- Requested two weeks to read the applications
- Overall, applications improved from last year. Below are tips for current and future applicants:
 - Do not copy and paste unless you do it right. It was clear some applicants did not read the questions because the narratives did not match what the question was asking for.
 - Utilize other people to read over and edit your work. Also, consult with the people who do the work to help provide clearer descriptions (i.e. case managers).
 - For expansions, make your case as to why you are increasing the numbers or amounts requested.
 - CPRC members were frustrated with some of the applications because they were addressing why they could not get the job done and members felt that was not the place to do that. Instead, show how you are working on XYZ and explain the process to be successful.