

4B. Section 3 Employment Policy

Instructions

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4B-1 Are any new proposed project applications requesting \$200,000 or more in funding? Yes

4B-1.1 If yes, which activities will the project(s) undertake to ensure employment and other economic opportunities are directed to low or very low income persons? (limit 1000 characters)

The YWCA proposed a new rapid rehousing program for households with children. The project will participate in employment training activities. In collaboration with the Fort Worth Housing Authority Certified Nurses Aid certification program, heads of households within this and other transitional housing and rapid rehousing programs, will be prioritized for full scholarship slots for the two month CAN training program. The CNA program provides certification for entry level medical positions. The CNA program graduates are linked to a number of assisted living, hospital and rehabilitation employers in the county. The YWCA has also developed a social enterprise employment and training project "YWCA Power Lunch." The YWCA Power Lunch creates employment opportunities for low-income women facing poverty or homelessness and all proceeds from YWCA Power Lunch are used to support the YWCA's various services.

4B-2 Are any of the projects within the CoC requesting funds for housing rehabilitation or new constructions? No

4B-2.1 If yes, which activities will the project undertake to ensure employment and other economic opportunities are directed to low or very low income persons:

4C. Accessing Mainstream Resources

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2013 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2013 CoC Program NOFA. Please submit technical question to the OneCPD Ask A Question at <https://www.onecpd.info/ask-a-question/>.

4C-1 Does the CoC systematically provide information about mainstream resources and training on how to identify eligibility and program changes for mainstream programs to provider staff? Yes

4C-2 Indicate the percentage of homeless assistance providers that are implementing the following activities:

* Homeless assistance providers supply transportation assistance to clients to attend mainstream benefit appointments, employment training, or jobs.	100%
* Homeless assistance providers use a single application form for four or more mainstream programs.	100%
* Homeless assistance providers have staff systematically follow-up to ensure mainstream benefits are received.	100%

4C-3 Does the CoC make SOAR training available for all recipients and subrecipients at least annually? Yes

4C-3.1 If yes, indicate the most recent training date: 07/25/2013

4C-4 Describe how the CoC is preparing for implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the state in which the CoC is located. Response should address the extent in which project recipients and subrecipients will participate in enrollment and outreach activities to ensure eligible households are able to take advantage of new healthcare options. (limit 1000 characters)

In preparation of ACA implementation the CoC collaborated with the United Way of Tarrant County who received funding to hire 6 navigators to assist with ACA implementation. Three meetings were held in October to discuss ACA and explain how the act affects homeless or very low income persons in the State of Texas. In attendance of these meetings were all shelter providers in both Arlington and Fort Worth and a majority of our transitional and permanent supportive housing programs. United Way Navigators followed up with fifteen enrollment events onsite at provider agencies and held six additional educational events for case management staff. 598 personnel were trained on the ACA and the federal exchange process. JPS Health Network is the primary health care provider to the homeless. JPS conducts eligibility screening on site at the emergency shelters and screens for healthcare.gov eligibility or exemption prior to enrollment into the JPS Connection indigent care program.

**4C-5 What specific steps is the CoC taking to work with recipients to identify other sources of funding for supportive services in order to reduce the amount of CoC Program funds being used to pay for supportive service costs?
(limit 1000 characters)**

The CoC requested that the City of Fort Worth to reprogramming unspent HOPWA grant funds to cover in increased portion of supportive services for PSH projects for persons with HIV/AIDS. The YWCA is seeking to be a Head Start provider to replace the SSO funds for child care. Texas is a non Medicaid expansion state. JPS Health Network developed a Medicaid 1115 Waiver program, Care Connections for the Homeless, to expand access to health clinics, diabetes care, pharmaceutical distribution and medication management for the homeless in ES, TH and PSH. Tarrant County is one of five eligible regions for the Texas Department of State Health Services Division of Mental Health Services Healthy Community Collaborative Program that will provide expanded outreach targeting homeless persons with mental health barriers making available intensive case management, benefits specialist, peer navigation, PSH and ongoing sustainable community support services. 150 persons will be served in the first year.