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| **AGENCY PROFILE** |
| Legal Name of Agency | Grand Rapids Housing Commission |
| Project Name | Hope Community |
| Project Start Date | August 1, 2019  |
| Contact Person | Felicia Clay |
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Check one:

[ ]  Permanent Supportive Housing

[x]  Rapid Re-Housing

[ ]  Transitional Housing

[ ]  Joint Transitional Housing / Rapid Re-Housing

Renewal Application Option (check one):

[x]  Standard Renewal (no change from FY17)

[ ]  Consolidation (must complete Renewal applications for each project and New Project Application for consolidated project)

[ ]  Expansion (must complete New Project Application in addition)

Authorized Representative: *I hereby certify that the information contained in this proposal is true and accurate. Any falsification of information will render the application void, and the application will not be accepted. This application has been reviewed and authorized for submission by the agency’s board of directors as of the date indicated.*

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| Name: Carlos A. Sanchez  | Title: Executive Director |
| Date of Board/Local Planning Body Authorization: | 6/19/2018 |
| Date of Anticipated Board/Local Planning Body Authorization: |   |

*All projects requesting renewal must demonstrate they have met minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards to be considered for funding.*

**GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION**

1a. Provide a narrative describing how the project’s performance met the plans and goals established in the current project’s application, the project’s performance in assisting program participants to achieve and maintain independent living, and record of success. (Include target populations and preferences as specified and/or allowed by the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) under which the project was initially funded.) If the renewing project has not yet started, provide a narrative of anticipated performance in these same areas based on experience with other related projects. *(1000 word limit)*

Hope Community (HC) is a Rapid Re-Housing program for homeless women and children. Our program utilizes a Housing First approach as an immediate response to homelessness. Hope Community has successfully reduced the length and limited the returns to homelessness, and increased exits to permanent housing. Hope Community is utilizing the core program components (housing identification, rent and move-in assistance, case management services, advocacy and strength-based approach) to overcome the obstacles to permanent housing. The families have multiple barriers (poor credit, negative landlord history, evictions, and lack of income) to overcome during their housing search. The Housing Resource Specialist (HRS) is rapidly linking vulnerable families (mental illness, substance abuse disorders, physical illness, developmental disabilities, domestic violence survivors, family reunification, youth, and veterans) to rental opportunities and services to reduce the recidivism to homelessness. The Grand Rapids area is experiencing an increase in rental prices in a highly competitive housing market, therefore having income is crucial. In September of 2017, the HRS staff completed a training to become SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access, and Recover (SOAR) certified. The SOAR trained Housing Resource Specialist help families increase income and access to mainstream benefits. The HRS also provide housing assessments and searches, landlord referrals, and on-site services (employment preparation and searches, budgeting, child care referrals, health and wellness, transportation, credit repair, computer lab, housing application assistance, basic life and interpersonal skill building, and homeless prevention) to increase the outcomes for housing stability. The families have an opportunity to participate in on-site workshops (how to be a good tenant, good housekeeping skills, safety in the neighborhood, budgeting, money management, job preparation and readiness) to encourage them to secure permanent housing. Hope community has 24 units, with one being occupied by the Resident Assistant (RA) who serves as a mentor to families. The RA helps in creating an environment where families can strive towards achieving self sufficiency. As of July 31, 2018, Hope Community served 46 households with a 93% utilization rate. Of the households served 20% were parenting youth between the ages of 18 and 24 and 70% were domestic violence survivors. Hope Community had 100% of the households leased up within 30 days of being referred by Salvation Army. Of the 23 families who exited, 98% left with health insurance and/or mainstream services and 92% successfully moved into permanent housing. Of the 92% that successfully moved into permanent housing 91% continue to maintain their housing and 94% are enrolled in the federally recognized Family Self-Sufficiency program, which enables families to increase their earned income.

1b. Use the last completed grant year APR for this and all other data/outcome measure questions. If the renewing project has not yet started, indicate the planned number of units per county.\*

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| County | Number of Units | Number of Stayers | Number of Leavers |
| Kent | 24 | 23 | 23 |
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*\*Attach additional forms as needed to list all counties.*

2. Has the project had any significant changes since the last funding approval?

No If “yes”, complete the chart below to indicate the change.

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| Check change type |  | Previous | New |
|[ ]  Decrease in the number of persons served |   |   |
|[ ]  Change in number of units |   |   |
|[ ]  Change in project site location |   |   |
|[ ]  Change in target population |   |   |
|[ ]  Change in component type |   |   |
|[ ]  Change in grantee/applicant |   |   |
|[ ]  Line item or cost category budget changes more than 10% |   |   |
|[ ]  Other: Click here to enter text. |   |   |
| If change was made, include as many of the following that apply as attachments to your application: |
| Attached(check) |  |
|[ ]  Attachment: Written communication to HUD requesting the significant change |
|[ ]  Attachment: HUD’s written approval of the change requested |
|[ ]  N/A: HUD has not yet provided written approval of the requested change |

**SECTION I: Project Effectiveness**

3. Does the project serve priority populations (Veterans, Chronically Homeless, Families, Youth, Domestic Violence Survivors)? Enter the number of units dedicated or prioritized for each population at turnover.

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| --- | --- |
|  | Number of Units |
|  | Dedicated | Dedicated Plus | Prioritized |
| Veterans | 0 | Click here to enter text. | Click here to enter text. |
| Chronically Homeless | 0 | Click here to enter text. | Click here to enter text. |
| Families | 24 | Click here to enter text. | Click here to enter text. |
| Youth | 0 | Click here to enter text. | Click here to enter text. |
| Domestic Violence | 0 | Click here to enter text. | Click here to enter text. |

4. Low Barrier

To earn points as Low Barrier, the project must answer affirmatively to all the following questions.

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| **Does the project ensure that participants are NOT screened out (or denied project entry) due to the following:** |  |
| Having too little or not enough income | Yes |
| Active substance use or history of substance abuse | Yes |
| Having a criminal record (other than for state-mandated restrictions) | Yes |
| Domestic violence (requiring survivor to take specific actions or demonstrate distance from assailant) | Yes |

5. Housing First

In addition to the answers above, a project must also answer affirmatively to the following questions to qualify as Housing First.

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| **Does the project work to ensure that participants are NOT terminated from the program due to the following: *(Table Continues on Following Page)*** |  |
| Failure to participate in supportive services | Yes |
| Failure to make progress on a service plan | Yes |
| Loss of income or failure to improve income | Yes |
| Being a victim of domestic violence | Yes |
| Any other activity not typically covered in a lease agreement but found in the project’s geographic area. | Yes |
| **Does the project quickly move participants into permanent housing?** | Yes |

6. All recipients of HUD CoC Program funding are required to participate in Coordinated Entry. Did the project take 100% of all referrals from Coordinated Entry (or community process if Category 4 homeless) in the past grant year *or* will it once the grant year begins? (Verified by HMIS reports) Yes

7. What is the prioritization process for households referred to this project? How is it determined who is most vulnerable and the best fit for any referrals to this project? Provide detail from policy established by the Local Planning Body. *(500 word limit)*

 All referrals for Hope Community are received and prioritized by the Coordinated Assessment & Referral System. Families experiencing homelessness are encouraged to contact the United Way’s (UW) 211 program for a housing screening. The UW will determine if a referral is appropriate for the Housing Assessment Program (HAP), Salvation Army. The HAP utilizes a Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) to prioritize the vulnerability of homeless families, appropriate housing assistance, intervention, and intensity of case management services. The SPDAT is an objective approach to assess the needs for housing and life stability based upon an evidence-based model. Families are referred to Hope Community based upon their SPDAT scores as outlined in the Centralized Intake Committee Coordinated Assessment and Referral System. According Section 3.2.3, families waiting for housing will be maintained by the HAP and will be ranked according to their SPDAT score for a permanent housing option. The highest ranked household from the centralized registry will be referred to Hope Community for housing services. HC community will follow up with HAP and provide feedback and the disposition for all referrals.

**Efficient Use of Funding** *(If the renewing project has not completed a full year, share information from the last completed year of another HUD funded project or similarly designed project through this agency)*

8. What was the project’s utilization rate? (*Average of* *Quarterly Point- in-Time Counts in APR 9 divided by total contracted units.)*  93%

9. Expenditure of Funds: Use last **completed** HUD FY year.

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| a. Total amount authorized within eLOCCS | 159,663 |
| b. Remaining balance in eLOCCS | 0 |
| c. Percentage recapturedDivide answer b. by answer a. and multiply by 100 | 0% |

10. Were drawdowns made to eLOCCS at least quarterly? (*Demonstrated in eLOCCS attachment)*

Yes

**HMIS Participation** *(If the renewing project has not completed a full year, share information from the last completed year of another HUD funded project or similarly designed project through this agency)*

11. Indicate how many APR Data Quality Elements (DQE) have 5% or less null or missing values *(APR Q06;* use data from alternative system if DV program):

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| Data Quality Element APR 6a.-6d. |
| Number of elements with 5% or less null or missing values |
| DQE 6a. | DQE 6b. | DQE 6c. | DQE 6d. |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total the numbers above, divide by 16, multiply by 100 for a percent: 94 % This is a child who was born out of the country; no SS# was entered in HMIS at time of HAP assessment. |

**HUD Monitoring**

12. a. Does the recipient have any HUD monitoring findings in any of the agency’s projects? No

If yes, explain below findings in detail for the Funding Review Panel. Include details on the nature of the finding, resolution and corrective actions taken, if any.

Click here to enter text.

b. Has your organization been monitored by HUD in the past three (3) years? Yes

***If yes,*** include as attachments: Monitoring report from HUD, your organization’s response to any findings, documentation from HUD that finding or concern has been satisfied, and any other relevant documentation.

***If no,*** provide most recent monitoring by an entity other than HUD for federal or state funding (ESG, CDBG, etc) and include as attachments: Monitoring report, your organization’s response to any findings, documentation from entity that finding or concern has been satisfied, and any other relevant documentation.

**Impact on Homelessness**

13. Please evaluate how the project would impact homelessness in the CoC if it were not awarded funding through this competition.

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|[x]  The project would close and 100% individuals would immediately become homeless if it were to not be funded. |
|[ ]  Loss of funding would result in loss of housing options and could mean eventual displacement or increase in homelessness. |
|[ ]  Loss of funding would negatively impact services and resources but not a clear loss of housing options. |
|[ ]  Loss of funding would minimally impact the number of housing options or resources available.  |

14. Is this project the only CoC funded project with dedicated beds to a particular target population? *Answered by Funding Review Committee based on all applications submitted for this NOFA.*

15. Funds that are reallocated may be added to renewal projects to increase the number of households served. If funding is available:

Would this project accept additional funds? [x]  Yes [ ]  No

How would additional households be served with these funds?

Additional funds would allow Hope Community to rapidly re-house more homeless families. Also, more funding would increase the number of vulnerable families served and eliminate the barriers to permanent housing (moving costs, security deposits, utility deposits, and application fees).

**Serving High Need Populations** *(If the renewing project has not completed a full year, share information from the last completed year of another HUD funded project or similarly designed project through this agency)*

16. What percentage of the households served met “hard to serve” criteria defined as having zero income at start/entry? *(APR 18. Add values for No Income and divide by Total in last row)*:

35%

17. What percentage of the households served met “hard to serve” criteria defined as having two (2) or more physical or mental health conditions known at start/entry *(APR 13.a.2. add totals for two and three or more conditions, then divide by total)*:

 7%

18. What percentage of the households served were chronically homeless? *(APR Q26a. divide total chronically homeless by total households)*:

17%

**Section II. Project Performance**

**Performance Data** *(If the renewing project has not completed a full year, share information from the last completed year of another HUD funded project or similarly designed project through this agency)*

19. Length of Stay ***(Joint TH/RRH projects – complete either option B or C below)***

a. Permanent Supportive Housing: Calculate the percentage of leavers that remained in project more than 180 days *(APR 22a.1)*

NA

b. Rapid Re-Housing: Calculate the percentage of participants that took 30 days or less from project entry to lease up *(CAPER 22C)*

100%

c. Transitional Housing: Calculate the average length of project stay in days *(CAPER 22b)*

NA

20. Exits to Permanent Housing ***(Joint TH/RRH projects – complete either option B or C below)***

a. Permanent Supportive Housing: Calculate the percentage of participants who remained in project, or exited to permanent housing destinations. *(Total Persons* *Exiting to Positive Housing Destinations APR Q23.a.+ Q23b. + Stayers 5.a.8/ [Total Served 5.a.1. – Excluded Q23.a. + Q23.b.])*

NA

b. Rapid Re-Housing: Calculate the percentage of participants who exited to permanent housing destinations *(Total* *Persons Exiting to Positive Housing Destinations APR Q23.a.+ Q23b./ [Total Leavers 5.a.5. – Excluded Q23.a. + Q23.b.])*

92%

c. Transitional Housing: Calculate the percentage of participants who exited to permanent housing destinations *(Total* *Persons Exiting to Positive Housing Destinations APR Q23.a.+ Q23b./ [Total Leavers 5.a.5. – Excluded Q23.a. + Q23.b.])*

NA

21. New or Increased Income and Earned Income

a. PSH Only Project Stayers: What percent of project stayers had new or increased earned income with in the project contract year? *APR 19a.1*

NA

b. PSH Only Project Stayers: What percent of project stayers had new or increased other (non-employment) income? *APR 19a.1*

NA

c. Project Leavers: What percent of project leavers had new or increased earned income? *APR 19a.2*

30%

d. Project Leavers: What percent of project leavers had new or increased other (non-employment) income? *APR 19a.2*

17%

**Financial Information**

**PROJECT BUDGET**

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| **Activity** | **Requested Funds** | **% of Requested Funds** | **Other Funding** | **Total Project Cost** |
| Acquisition |   |  % |   |   |
| New Construction |   |  % |   |   |
| Rehabilitation |   |  % |   |   |
| Leasing |   |  % |   |   |
| Rental Assistance |   |  % |   |   |
| Supportive Services | $149,663 | 94 % |   |   |
| Operating Costs |   |  % | $199,812 |   |
| HMIS  |   |  % |   |   |
| Project Administration (limited to 7%) | $10,000 | 6 % |   |   |
| Total Project Cost | $159,663 |  | $199,812 | $359,475 |

**Attachment A**

Identify all match and leveraging funds. Only those dollars or non-cash contributions (in-kind) that directly support the project should be listed. This may include federal, state, or local government funds, private funds, grants, and/or other sources, including donations. Worksheet should reflect information in eSnaps application.

**Match must be at least 25% of total funding requested.** **Documentation of match must be provided with the application.**

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| **Resource** | **Cash or In Kind** | **Committed or Planned/ Pending** | **Available (MM/YY)** | **Amount/ Value** | **% of HUD Project Award** | **Serves as CoC Program Match? (Y/N)** |
| Donations | **In Kind** | **Committed** | **08/19** | **$29,436** | **18%** | **Yes** |
| **Interns** | **In Kind** | **Committed** | **08/19** | **$12,000** | **8%** | **Yes** |
| **Life Skills** | **In Kind** | **Committed** | **08/19** | **$900** | **1%** | **Yes** |
| **United Way** | **Cash** | **Committed** | **08/19** | **$3,953** | **2%** | **Yes** |
| **Operations** | **Cash** | **Committed** | **08/19** | **$199,812** | **125%** | **Yes** |
|  | Cash/Kind | C/PP | MM/YY |   | % | Yes/No |
|   | Cash/Kind | C/PP | MM/YY |   | % | Yes/No |
|   | Cash/Kind | C/PP | MM/YY |   | %. | Yes/No |
| **Total leveraged from other sources** | **$246,101** | **154%** |  |

**Attach additional forms as necessary**

**Attachment B**

Attachments listed below are required but unscored. Failure to include any documentation that is required may result in disqualification of the application. *Please number all attachments in accordance with the list below.*

**All projects must include:**

[x]  #1: Annual Progress Report (APR) for the project’s most recent completed contract year, or the most recently completed contract year for another HUD-funded project or similar project if the renewing project has not yet completed a full year. Other structured outcome report for non-HMIS participating agencies are allowed (i.e. domestic violence agencies).

[x]  #2: Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) report showing drawdowns and final balance

[x]  #3: Project Application submitted in e-snaps

[x]  #4: Documentation of all match

**Each applicant must include one of the following two (#5):**

[x]  Monitoring report from US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

[x]  Monitoring report from an entity other than HUD for federal or state funding (ESG, CDBG, etc)

**If relevant include (#6):**

[ ]  A: Organization’s response to any findings

[ ]  B: Documentation from HUD (or other entity) that finding or concern has been satisfied

[ ]  C: Any other relevant documentation

[ ]  D: Written communication to HUD requesting the significant change indicated in question 2.

[ ]  E: HUD’s written approval of the change requested in question 2.

**Attachment C**

**HUD General Section Certificates**

The agency certifies to the Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness that it and its principals are in compliance with the following requirements as indicated by checking the box.

[x]  *Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity*. See CFR 578.93 for specific requirements related to Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

[x]  *Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity.* See the Federal Register dated February 1, 2012, Docket No. FR 5359-F-02 and Section V.C.1.f. of the FY 2017 General Section.

[x]  Debarment and Suspension. See Section III.C.4.c. of the FY 2015 General Section. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure that all subrecipients are not debarred or suspended. (24 CFR 578.23((3)(c)(4)(v).d. Delinquent Federal Debts. See Section V.B.3. of the FY 2017 General Section.

[x]  Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights. See Section V.C.1.a. of the FY 2017 General Section.

[x]  Executive Order 13166, “Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). See Section V.C.1.d. of the FY 2017 General Section.

[x]  Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-income Persons (Section 3). See Section V.C.1.c. of the FY 2017 General Section.

[x]  Conducting Business in Accordance with Core Values and Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct. See Section V.C.15. of the FY 2017 General Section.

[x]  Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities. See Section V.C.15. of the FY 2017 General Section.

[x]  HUD Habitability Standards inspections on all units, at a minimum.

[x]  Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation. See Section V.C.5. of the FY 2017 General Section.

[ ]  Environmental Requirements. Notwithstanding provisions at 24 CFR 578.31 and 24 CFR 578.99(a) of the CoC Program interim rule, and in accordance with Section 100261(3) of MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405), activities under this NOFA are subject to environmental review by a responsible entity under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58.

[x]  Drug-Free Workplace. See Section VI.B.9. of the FY 2015 General Section. n. Safeguarding Resident/Client Files. See Section V.C.11 of the FY 2017 General Section.

[x]  Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 209-282) (Transparency Act), as amended. See Section V.C.13. of the FY 2017 General Section.

[x]  Lead-Based Paint Requirements. For housing constructed before 1978 (with certain statutory and regulatory exceptions), CoC Program recipients must comply with the requirements of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4801, et seq.), as amended by the Residential Lead-Based

[x]  Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851, et seq.); and implementing regulations of HUD, at 24 CFR part 35; the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 745, or State/Tribal lead rules implemented under EPA authorization; and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration at 29 CFR 1926.62 and 29 CFR 1910.1025.

[x]  Attestation that all attachments as required by HUD are uploaded in e-snaps. See Notice of Funding Availability for the 2018 Continuum of Care Program Competition FR-6200-N-25.

This list is not exhaustive of all HUD requirements. Applicants are encouraged to review the 2018 General Section, found at: <https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps> to ensure eligibility.

Agency: Grand Rapids Housing Commission

Acknowledged By: Carlos A. Sanchez

Title: Executive Director

Date: 8/9/2018