

Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness

Funding Review Committee

February 16, 2016

Present: Susan Cervantes (Voting Committee Member), Denise Price (Voting Committee Member), Laurie Craft (Voting Committee Member), Rebecca Rynbrandt (Voting Committee Member), Karen Tjapkes (Chair), Erin Banchoff (City of Grand Rapids Representative), Johanna Schulte (City of Grand Rapids Representative), Tracie Coffman (ENTF Staff), Jesica Vail (CoC Staff)

- I. Welcome and Introductions: The committee is assembled on this day at the request of the City of Grand Rapids with the purpose of utilizing the CoC Funding Review Committee and CoC Steering Council to make recommendations for a collaborative use of the City of Grand Rapids FY 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant funding for permanent housing.
- II. Review of the Process (City of Grand Rapids): The service fee was updated, increased and made the same for Prevention and Rapid Rehousing (RRH). The split of the funding remains the usual 60/40 with 60% going to Rapid Rehousing. In the last year, Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF) did RRH and Prevention and Grand Rapids Urban League (GRUL) only did Prevention, although some of the Prevention cases included obtaining new housing, which is essentially the same process as Rapid Rehousing.
- III. Review applications: There were numerous discrepancies on the applications with the numbers given. The numbers do not appear reliable and a question was posed as to what the decision is based on if the data reported is unreliable. Per the application instructions, the allocation will be equitable with attention paid to capacity of staffing. It was also noted that in assessing capacity, it would be helpful to know who the FTE staff listed are and their position in the agency.
- IV. Review allocations: Last year all RRH was allocated to ICCF, most Prevention to GRUL. Suggested to give some RRH to GRUL to pilot and test capacity, 4-5 RRH, should give ICCF the same on Prevention side to make it equitable and to provide flexibility in the provision of services.

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- V. Recommend allocations: Consensus on breakdown of the resources. **MOTION** by Laurie Craft for recommendation to Steering Council of approval for the allocation as discussed pending Grand Rapids Urban League provides match documentation and that any increase or decrease in funding would be proportional with the recommended allocation. Denise Price seconded the motion, all members of the committee voted in favor and the motion carried.