

Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness

Funding Review Committee

August 4, 2016

Present: Karen Tjapkes (Chair), Denise Price, Laurie Craft, Rebecca Rynbrandt, Jeff Hudson, Tracie Coffman (ENTF Staff), Jim Talen (CoC Staff), Jesica Vail (CoC Staff)

- I. Review Minutes from July 20, 2016: A MOTION was made to approve the minutes by Rebecca, seconded by Karen. All in favor, motion passed.
- II. Review of Previous Meeting Recommendations: The group recapped the ranking of projects from last meeting and the reasons behind them.
- III. Overview of HUD Guidance for Domestic Violence Transitional Housing Project Review: The group reviewed HUD guidance recently released on how DV TH projects should be evaluated and scored. Although the guidance came out late for this round, the group felt that it would be helpful in improving scoring for future rounds. If the project were to score higher this round, there would still be ranking issues with minimizing risk in Tier 2.
- IV. Review of New and Bonus Projects: Only one application was received for the available new project funds, the Salvation Army for Coordinated Entry, and only one project was received for the available bonus project funds, Community Rebuilders in partnership with Dégagé Ministries and The Salvation Army. Both project applications were well written, passed threshold requirements and fit needs within the community.
- V. Scoring and Ranking of Projects: The Bonus Project scored well, but the community had already determined that Bonus projects would not be ranked above renewal projects so it would be at the bottom of Tier 2. The New Project proposal for Coordinated Entry did not fit into the scoring categories designed for housing projects, and as such was difficult to score. The committee discussed how to best rank the project, feeling that Tier 1 was important to keep the funding for the community.
- VI. MOTION by Laurie to recommend to Steering Council the ranking of projects as noted in the attached Project Priority Listing, seconded by Denise. All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes Approved by Email Vote: August 8, 2016