

West Central Illinois Continuum of Care

IL519

Research and Evaluation Committee

March 8, 2018

The R & E committee met to update members on the Emergency Food and Shelter Program but unfortunately no numbers were available from FEMA.

The committee also met to review and rank funding allocations for the FY19 Emergency Solutions Grant. ESG is a HUD-funded program but managed by Illinois Department of Human Services. Collaborative Applicant, Mary Muehlenfeld, of the YWCA of Quincy, coordinates the grant process. The funding opportunity was shared with the entire CoC membership via emails. New applicants were encouraged to apply if they could meet the threshold requirements of proof of good standing with the State of Illinois, two consecutive year audits by a CPA, and participation in HMIS. Interested parties (new and renewal) were required to submit a Letter of Intent via email to Collaborative Applicant by March 1 and to provide proof of the threshold requirement along with their ESG budget proposal. A CoC application is required prior to recipient applications and since all funding requests were renewal, recipient applications were not required as part of the R & E requirement.

All letter of intents and budgets were from renewal applications. DHS instructed the CoC to base funding on the prior year's allocation which was \$177,665. Committee members reviewed the CoC's Point in Time Count, number of persons served by each applicant, the Illinois Report on Poverty, Community Assessments provided by United Ways and the types of service requested for funding to make sure the funding matched the needs/gap in our CoC. Requests were as follows: Crisis Center Foundation \$25,000; Samaritan Well \$25,000; Quanada \$27,500; and Salvation Army \$102,665. Since this request exceeded the \$177,665 the committee chose to reduce Salvation Army's request by \$2,500 and award them \$100,165.