

Renewal Project List (Ranked)										
Rank No.	Status	Agency	Project	Type of Program	UNITS	Housing Sites	Household Type	Final Score	Funding Amount	Running Total
1	accepted	Alle-Kiski Area Hope Center	DV UP / Safe at Home	RRH	82	Scattered Site	Mixed	101.5	\$ 1,399,621.00	\$ 1,399,621.00
2	accepted	UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside	Flex 50	PSH	113	Scattered Site	Families	93.25	\$ 1,665,499.00	\$ 3,065,120.00
3	accepted	Veterans Leadership Program	Constitution RRH	RRH	18	Scattered Site	Singles	89.75	\$ 234,104.00	\$ 3,299,224.00
4	accepted	Chartiers Center	Hestia Project	PSH	99	Scattered Site	Mixed	86.5	\$ 1,050,826.00	\$ 4,350,050.00
5	accepted	UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside	Neighborhood Living Program (NLP)	PSH	111	Scattered Site	Mixed	86.4	\$ 1,399,944.00	\$ 5,749,994.00
6	accepted	Community Human Services	Families United	PSH	25	Scattered Site	Mixed	85.75	\$ 826,854.00	\$ 6,576,848.00
7	accepted	Chartiers Center	Atlas PSH	PSH	46	Scattered Site	Singles	85	\$ 809,857.00	\$ 7,386,705.00
8	accepted	Allies for Health and Well Being	Choice I	PSH	39	Scattered Site	Mixed	82	\$ 484,828.00	\$ 7,871,533.00
9	accepted	Bethlehem Haven	Haven Housing Dedicated Plus	PSH	20	Scattered Site	Singles	80.25	\$ 296,776.00	\$ 8,168,309.00
10	accepted	UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside	Flex 51	PSH	147	Combination	Singles	80.25	\$ 2,255,049.00	\$ 10,423,358.00
11	accepted	Community Human Services	Work Towards Sustainability from Crisis	PSH	47	Combination	Singles	79.25	\$ 563,961.00	\$ 10,987,319.00
12	accepted	ACTION	MyPlace PSH	PSH	5	Scattered Site	Singles	78.75	\$ 69,256.00	\$ 11,056,575.00
13	accepted	Auberle	At Home	RRH	10	Scattered Site	Mixed	78.05	\$ 138,513.00	\$ 11,195,088.00
14	accepted	Goodwill	Harbor II RRH	RRH	45	Scattered Site	Singles	77.9	\$ 609,879.00	\$ 11,804,967.00
15	accepted	Gaudenzia	Village Phase I	PSH	16	Scattered Site	Mixed	77	\$ 258,454.00	\$ 12,063,421.00
16	accepted	Allegheny Valley Association of Churches	Hospitality Homes I	PSH	20	Scattered Site	Mixed	76.75	\$ 328,112.00	\$ 12,391,533.00
17	accepted	Goodwill	Good Start	RRH	20	Scattered Site	Families	75.9	\$ 361,621.00	\$ 12,753,154.00
18	accepted	Mercy Life Center	A River to Home	PSH	41	Scattered Site	Singles	74.25	\$ 567,901.00	\$ 13,321,055.00
19	accepted	UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside	Soteria	RRH	17	Scattered Site	Mixed	73.75	\$ 246,855.00	\$ 13,567,910.00
20	accepted	Veterans Leadership Program	Victory	PSH	48	Scattered Site	Mixed	73.5	\$ 734,951.00	\$ 14,302,861.00
21	accepted	Familylinks	Community Housing Program	PSH	12	Scattered Site	Mixed	73.25	\$ 145,500.00	\$ 14,448,361.00
22	accepted	Sisters Place	Sunrise	PSH	25	Combination	Families	70.75	\$ 488,722.00	\$ 14,937,083.00
23	accepted	Sojourner Moms	Moms II	PSH	36	Facility	Families	70	\$ 870,602.00	\$ 15,807,685.00
24	accepted	ACTION	Housing Plus II	PSH	11	Scattered Site	Singles	69.75	\$ 199,162.00	\$ 16,006,847.00
25	accepted	ACTION	MyPlace RRH	RRH	65	Scattered Site	Mixed	69.25	\$ 916,163.00	\$ 16,923,010.00
26	accepted	Mercy Life Center	Path to New Life	PSH	74	Scattered Site	Singles	68.5	\$ 650,023.00	\$ 17,573,033.00
27	accepted	Bethlehem Haven	Haven Homes	PSH	16	Facility	Singles	66.25	\$ 282,536.00	\$ 17,855,569.00
28	accepted	Goodwill	Goodwill Supportive Housing	PSH	11	Scattered Site	Singles	65.75	\$ 138,438.00	\$ 17,994,007.00
29	accepted	UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside	Neighborhood Living Program (NLP) Expansion	PSH	50	Scattered Site	Mixed	N/A	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 18,694,007.00
30	accepted	YWCA	YW Bridges RRH	RRH	23	Scattered Site	Mixed	64.3	\$ 701,243.00	\$ 19,395,250.00
31	accepted	DHS	Allegheny Link Expansion	SSO-CE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 512,582.00	\$ 19,907,832.00
32	accepted	DHS	Allegheny Link	SSO-CE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 68,761.00	\$ 19,976,593.00
33	accepted	DHS	HMIS	HMIS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 198,942.00	\$ 20,175,535.00
34	accepted	DHS	HMIS Expansion	HMIS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 152,250.00	\$ 20,327,785.00
not ranked	rejected	Mercy Life Center	A Step Forward	RRH	12	Scattered Site	Families	54	\$ -	\$ 20,327,785.00

New Project List (Ranked)										
Rank No.	Status	Agency	Project	Type of Program	UNITS	Housing Sites	Household Type	Final Score	Funding Amount	Running Total
35	accepted	Goodwill	Good Start Expansion	RRH	12	Scattered Site	Families	N/A	\$ 194,330.00	\$ 20,522,115.00

**YHDP Renewal Projects
(Not Ranked)**

Rank No.		Agency	Project	Type of Program	UNITS	Housing Sites	Household Type	Final Score	Funding Amount	Running Total
N/A	accepted	Allegheny County Department of Human Services	Homelessness Services & Support Coordinators for Youth	SSO	N/A	N/A		N/A	\$ 345,506.00	\$ 20,867,621.00
N/A	accepted	Auberle and Center That CARES	Youth Rapid Re-Housing	RRH	55			N/A	\$ 939,482.00	\$ 21,807,103.00
N/A	accepted	Auberle	HOPE	SSO	N/A	N/A		N/A	\$ 479,160.00	\$ 22,286,263.00

**YHDP Replacement Projects
(Not Ranked)**

Rank No.		Agency	Project	Type of Program	UNITS	Housing Sites	Household Type	Final Score	Funding Amount	Running Total
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**CoC Planning
(Not Ranked)**

Rank No.		Agency	Project	Type of Program	UNITS	Housing Sites	Household Type	Final Score	Funding Amount	Running Total
N/A	accepted	Allegheny County Department of Human Services	CoC Planning Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,402,506.00	\$ 23,688,769.00

**UFA
(Not Ranked)**

Rank No.		Agency	Project	Type of Program	UNITS	Housing Sites	Household Type	Final Score	Funding Amount	Running Total
N/A	accepted	Allegheny County Department of Human Services	UFA Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 841,504.00	\$ 24,530,273.00

Allegheny County Continuum of Care (PA-600) 2023 CoC Program Review, Ranking and Reallocation

Project Review and Ranking Recommendations

The Evaluation Committee is putting forward to the Homeless Advisory Board (HAB) the attached **recommended ranking and reallocation for Renewal and New Projects** for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Renewal and Replacement Grants. The recommendation includes:

- The attached ranking of renewal and new projects
- Reallocating funds from Mercy's A Step Forward Rapid Rehousing (RRH) to an expansion of Goodwill's Good Start RRH Program.

Background

As part of HUD's NOFO for FY23 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Renewal and Replacement Grants, the CoC is required to submit 6 project lists; 4 of these lists are not ranked (YHDP Renewal Projects, YHDA Replacement Projects, CoC Planning Grant, and UFA Grant), but 2 lists require ranking (Renewal Projects, and New Projects). Across Renewal and New Projects, HUD designates two (2) Tiers. HUD has set the funding level of Tier 1 for the Allegheny County CoC at \$19,395,250. This means that projects ranked above our CoC's running request total of \$19,395,250 are Tier 1, and those ranked below are Tier 2. Tier 2 projects are awarded funds if HUD funding is available after Tier 1 award decisions are made and are awarded in order of CoC scoring (i.e., higher scoring CoC's receive Tier 2 funding before lower scoring CoC's). Again, Tier 1 and 2 only apply to the ranked projects, meaning the projects listed in the Renewal and New Project Lists.

In May 2023, the HAB approved the CoC's 2023 Review and Ranking Tool, which was developed by the HAB's CoC Analysis and Planning Committee, utilizing the expertise of CoC members and an analysis of the effectiveness of previous ranking tools. Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) completes the tool for each project, using HMIS data, project monitoring results and fiscal records. The tools are then reviewed by each project, data errors are corrected (if necessary), and projects can provide context and feedback regarding outcomes. An Evaluation Committee then reviews the scores, the information provided by project staff, and context across all projects to make a recommendation on the final ranking of renewal and new projects.

Recommendations Rationale

The Evaluation Committee's recommended ranking of renewal and new projects includes:

- **Ranking projects by final score**
 - This is an objective, consistent, performance-based and data-driven approach to ranking.
 - During the Evaluation Committee's review, a few scores were adjusted. The Committee sought to make consistent score adjustments across projects. As such, adjustments were not made to individual projects for factors affecting the entire CoC, such as the growing lack of affordable housing or general staffing capacity barriers.
 - The UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside Neighborhood Living Program Expansion project was awarded under the FY22 CoC Competition and began operations in July 2023. As a newly

operating project, there is not yet data available to score this project, so it was placed at the bottom of Tier 1 to hold it safe.

- **Ranking the unscored, CoC-wide Support Service Only (SSO) Coordinated Entry (CE) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Projects in Tier 2.**
 - DHS and the Evaluation Committee are recommending that these CoC-wide system projects be ranked in Tier 2 in an effort to further protect housing programming for the CoC. HMIS and Coordinated Entry are essential to the functioning of the homelessness system, but should these projects not be funded by HUD, administrative costs will be adjusted to continue their operations.
- **Reallocating funds away from the lowest scoring project**
 - Mercy Life Center's A Step Forward RRH project for families was the lowest scoring project, with a final score of 54 points out of a possible 100. The project's final score was 10 points below the next closest score and has ranked at the bottom for consecutive years. To support a high performing system, the Committee is recommending the funds be reallocated to a higher performing project, while maintaining the capacity to serve families in RRH. Mercy has been notified of this recommendation, and DHS would work closely with them for the effective transition of the service participants prior to the current project funds ending June 30, 2024.
- **Reallocating those funds to the expansion of the highest scoring RRH project for families**
 - Goodwill's Good Start program is the highest ranked RRH program for families that does not serve a specific sub-population (i.e., the RRH programs ranked above Good Start are either dedicated domestic violence or veteran's programs or serve single individuals). Reallocating to a RRH program for families will enable the CoC to maintain its unit for families. Goodwill has stated they have the capacity to expand the project and have agreed to coordinate with the CoC to identify housing and healthcare leveraging resources that will support the CoC's overall score.

Process and Planning Considerations

In addition to the rationale provided for the Committee's project ranking recommendations, the following process recommendations are also being put forward for HAB consideration.

- The evaluation process would be further strengthened by the inclusion of service participant input. The CoC should explore opportunities to add the perspective of service participants to the Review and Ranking Tool.
- During its annual refinement of the Review and Ranking Tool, the CoC Analysis and Planning Committee should further assess the specific data inputs and point values within the Monitoring Scorecard to assure appropriate alignment with the CoC goals and priorities.

Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee was comprised of 10 stakeholders from the Allegheny County CoC, including 3 direct members of the HAB and 5 proxy representatives for HAB members. Five (5) DHS staff members supported the Committee.