

Budget Training



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Information on shifting money within HUD budgets and consolidating grants

March 25, 2009 - 9:30am to 12:00pm

Interfaith Council for the Homeless (642 N. Kedzie)

The Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness saves lives and improves the quality of life for everyone by leading an effective and cost efficient new way to end homelessness.

Welcome

Guest Speakers:

Nora Lally – Sr. Community Planning &
Development Representative, HUD

Audalee McLoughlin – President and CEO,
New Moms

David Esposito – Director of Housing
Administration, Thresholds



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Purpose of Today's Training

- Every year HUD scores each CoC on its housing to services ratio (H:S ratio), as part of the national NOFA competition. A CoC's score:
 - 1) Shows how well the CoC is doing compared to other CoCs across the country
 - 2) Determines whether or not the CoC falls above the funding line (and thus receives a bonus project – worth \$4.2 million to Chicago)



Purpose of Today's Training (Continued)

- In the past, Chicago has encouraged agencies to shift dollars from services to housing, to help Chicago increase its H:S ratio. This trend continues in 2009 and beyond!
- Today's training will focus on the possibility and process for shifting money from services into leasing/operations. Additionally, information on the grant consolidation process will be presented as well.



History of Chicago's H:S Activities

- **Since 2005:** as part of Chicago's ranking policies, in the event of a tie on the Evaluation Tool, the project with a greater housing to services ratio ranked higher
- **In 2007:** 1 point extra on Evaluation Tool given to projects that shifted money out of services and into housing activities



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History of Chicago's H:S Activities

- **In 2008:** 10% service cut for all projects with a service line item (this funded two new PH projects); Chicago also limited new PH project budgets to only 10% services



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Trend Across the Country

Many CoCs across the country are undertaking similar measures to increase their H:S ratio...

- **Detroit CoC** reduced budgets of all SSOs by 10%; also had organizations with multiple SHP grants, shift money from services to housing
- **Fort Worth / Arlington / Tarrant County CoC** prioritized PH, then TH, then SSOs; and reduced budgets of SSOs by 3%
- **Indiana Balance of State CoC** prioritized PH, then TH, then SSOs



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Today's Agenda

- 9:45am: **HUD Presentation on shifting money and consolidating grants** (*Nora Lally*)
- 10:30am: **Q & A Session** (*Nora Lally*)
- 11:00am: **Peer Presentation on shifting money and consolidating grants** (*Audalee McLoughlin and David Esposito*)
- 11:15am: **Small group break-out session with peer support**

