

2019 Proposed Funding Priorities

In preparation for the FY2019 HUD Continuum of Care grant cycle, the Atlantic County Homeless Consortium is seeking proposals from interested private, non-profit and public agencies for projects serving the homeless population in Atlantic County.

In order to continue efforts to move Atlantic County closer to ending homelessness, the ACHC Executive Committee has established the following funding priorities, all projects will be evaluated according to these priorities as outlined in the scoring tools associated with new and renewal programs:

1. **Permanent Supportive Housing for the Chronically Homeless and Rapid-Rehousing Projects**– The ACHC Executive Committee would like to see an expansion of housing resources available to chronically homeless individuals and families. Projects dedicating at least 85% of their units to the chronically homeless will receive priority.
2. **Housing First** – Housing First is a proven evidence-based model in serving the most vulnerable homeless populations in the community. Housing First programs maintain low barriers to program entry and don't require participation in services, sobriety, income or other additional requirements for program entry. Once participants are enrolled immediate priority is given to stabilizing them in housing rather than connecting them to services. Once stable in housing individualized, client driven services are provided to participants in order to help them maintain that housing. Projects using a housing first approach will receive priority
3. **Targeting those with the most severe needs** – Within the program's target population, those with the most severe barriers are often the most difficult to work with and typically the last population served. The ACHC Executive Committee would like to see projects prioritizing the segment of the target population with the most severe barriers. Severe barriers may include, but are not limited to, frequent hospitalization, extensive criminal background, no income, refusal to participate in services, active substance abuse etc. Projects indicating a priority for the most vulnerable within the target population and identifying an appropriate engagement and service structure will receive priority.
4. **Domestic Violence**- The ACHC Executive Committee would like to see an expansion of housing resources available to rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry and for eligible activities for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sex trafficking, and stalking.”