

Federal Resource: Case Scenario

Anytown USA is a mid-size CoC which includes an urban center of about 175,000 people and five neighboring counties. The CoC has made significant shifts in its overall housing portfolio to focus more on Rapid Rehousing and less on transitional housing. The CoC also has a portfolio of 275 permanent supportive housing units, 200 of which are dedicated to individuals, 100 of which are dedicated to chronically homeless individuals. The CoC has implemented a Dynamic Coordinated Entry process that ensures the most vulnerable households are paired with a housing intervention as quickly as possible. This means that for those who “score” in a way that would point to PSH, if no PSH is likely to be available within 30 days then the household is referred to rapid rehousing. Generally, there are enough PSH resources to meet the needs of the CoC’s chronically homeless population, but many households with significant housing barriers are unable to access PSH, even if eligible. The CoC anticipates it could expend nearly all of its RRH on households that score above a 12 on their common assessment, if they so choose to target in this way. The CoC continues to refine its Written Standards and is trying to adapt grants and programs to meet the needs of this high barrier population. The CoC operates the following RRH programs:

- CoC Program – Families 1: A \$200,000 rapid rehousing program for families. Targeting not specified beyond eligibility.
- CoC Program - Families 2: A \$75,000 rapid rehousing program families. Targeting not specified but provider specializes in single parent households.
- CoC Program – Individuals: A \$325,000 rapid rehousing program individuals. Targeting not specified beyond basic eligibility.
- CoC Program – Individual 2: A \$175,000 rapid rehousing program for individuals. The grant application noted this project would target long term homeless populations.
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program: \$75,000 in ESG funding which can serve both families and individuals.
- SSVF Program: A \$600,000 SSVF program serving this CoC and the neighboring CoC.

System Wide Considerations and Questions

What are some of the key questions you have or need answered as a system to best decide whether your federal resources are targeted correctly?

Given the scenario, what types of service design would you envision to best meet the needs of this community (i.e. grant allowing for longer or shorter terms of assistance, service expectations, targeting)

If you were to write the CoCs RRH Written Standards from scratch, what would be 3-4 key themes or principles those Written Standards need to capture?

Would you suggest targeting all RRH resources to the highest barrier clients? If not, how would you divide the allocation of resources for households that have differing levels of housing barriers?

What else must this CoC consider as it reviews its overall RRH resources, targeting and needs?