

ANNOUNCEMENT

Regional Meetings

DCA Homeless and HIV/AIDS Housing Assistance Programs

TO: HTF Commission, Units of Local Government, Regional Development Centers, Supportive Housing Providers, Homeless Provider Groups and Other Interested Parties

FROM: John Bassett, Director, State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless

SUBJECT: Application Workshops and Homeless Continuum of Care Planning Sessions for the SFY 2011 Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and/or HUD Homeless Continuum of Care Programs

DATE: January 26, 2010

The purpose of this memo is to announce (1) the availability of application materials and (2) Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC) planning initiatives in support of this year's round of funding through the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and/or the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) programs. These programs are designed to deliver supportive housing and related services to persons strictly defined as either "homeless" under the ESG and CoC programs, or as an "eligible person" (generally lower income persons with AIDS or related diseases) under the HOPWA program.

2011 ESG and HOPWA Application Materials and Guidance

Among other requirements, non-profit organizations wishing to apply for ESG or HOPWA funds must obtain local government approval. In addition, existing and previous ESG and/or Continuum of Care grantees must be in full compliance with DCA Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) requirements at the time of application.

The deadline for application submission for the 2011 program year is April 5, 2010. Specific instructions on meeting this deadline are outlined in the application document. ESG and HOPWA application documents should be available on-line on or about February 15, 2010. For access to ESG application documents, please go to <http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/SpecialNeeds/programs/emergencyShelter.asp>. Funding should be available on or about July 1, 2010.

Funding for DCA's ESG homeless housing and service programs originates from two sources; the State's Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless (HTF) and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds are allocated by HUD to the State of Georgia for targeted use in a 127-county area outside of a 28-county metropolitan Atlanta region and a 4-county metropolitan

Augusta region. Eligible applicants include units of local government and nonprofit agencies. Local governments, however, must approve activities by nonprofit agencies carried out within their jurisdictions.

From State Housing Trust Fund and HUD sources, \$3.5 million dollars is expected to be available in ESG funds, and \$1.5 million dollars is expected to be available in HOPWA funds. Eligible ESG programs include a broad range of activities related to the provision of shelter, transitional housing and (limited) supportive services targeted specifically to persons experiencing homelessness. The overarching outcome for each ESG-assisted program is stable housing at program exit for each person served. Eligible HOPWA activities include community residential housing and services of any type, as well as short- and long-term rent and utility assistance.

Planning Initiatives – Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC) Homeless Program

As you will note from this announcement, the scheduled meetings are designed to meet dual purposes; ESG/HOPWA application guidance, and Balance of State Continuum of Care planning. At each of the 13 scheduled meetings, we will ask homeless providers throughout DCA's 152 county BoS CoC planning area to comment on housing and associated service needs within their region.

Once developed and submitted, the BoS CoC plan allows us to compete for grants in HUD's nationwide annual CoC competition. Eligible activities primarily include transitional and permanent supportive housing as well as renewed service funding for ongoing activities.

Meeting Purposes, Locations, Dates, Times and Other Information

If your agency wishes to participate in the BoS CoC planning process, or to apply for ESG or HOPWA funds, please make plans to attend the briefing to be held within your region of the state. If your organization serves multiple regions, representation by your agency at each regional meeting where services by your organization are offered would be appreciated. Please dress casually.

To determine the appropriate workshop(s) to attend for Balance of State Continuum of Care planning, please review the enclosed map of State Service Delivery Regions and attend the regional workshop or workshops for your area. If you or your organization have no interests in the 152 county Balance of State Continuum of Care, you are welcome to attend any one (or more) of the 13 workshops to obtain ESG and HOPWA application information only. The dates, times and locations for our state-wide schedule are detailed below. Please contact the local host only if you have special needs or if you need directions.

Calhoun, Application and **Region 1** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, EastGate Properties, 420 Richardson Road, Calhoun, GA, (706) 602-0044, Contact Ms. Stacey Abernathy. Lana Young is onsite manager. The office is in the center of the property.

Gainesville, Application and **Region 2** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Monday, February 22, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Gainesville-Hall Co. Community Service Center, 430 Prior Street, Gainesville, GA (770) 503-3330, Contact: Ms. Phillippa Lewis Moss.

Marietta, Application and **Region 3** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 9:00am – 12:30 pm, Center for Family Resources, Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta GA, (770) 428-2601, Ms. Carolyn Bridges. Organizations and individuals with interests in

Douglas and Cherokee Counties are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. *Note that the BoS CoC excludes organizations and individuals with interests only in the City of Atlanta, Fulton, DeKalb and/or Cobb County. Organizations and individuals with interests only in the City of Atlanta, Fulton, DeKalb and/or Cobb County may wish to participate, but are not expected to participate, in BoS CoC planning.*

Norcross, Application and **Region 3** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Monday, February 15, 2010, 9:00am – 12:30 pm, The Salvation Army, Divisional Headquarters Office, 1000 Center Place NW (off Jimmy Carter Boulevard), Norcross, GA (678) 441-6200, Contact Ms. Elaine McGowan. Organizations and individuals with interests in **Gwinnett, Rockdale, Newton, Henry, Fayette and Clayton** Counties are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. *Note that the BoS CoC excludes organizations and individuals with interests only in the City of Atlanta, Fulton, DeKalb and/or Cobb County. Organizations and individuals with interests only in the City of Atlanta, Fulton, DeKalb and/or Cobb County may wish to participate, but are not expected to participate, in BoS CoC planning.*

Carrollton, Application and **Region 4** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Monday, February 22, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Elder Circle Community Center, 512 Elder Circle, Carrollton, GA (770) 834-2046, Contact: Ms. Loretta North.

Athens, Application and **Region 5** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Advantage Behavioral Health Services, 250 North Avenue, Athens, GA, (706) 613-3155 ext. 1201, Contact: Mr. Evan Mills. *Note that the BoS CoC excludes the Athens-Clarke Consolidated Government. Organizations and individuals with interests only in Athens-Clarke may wish to participate, but are not expected to participate, in BoS CoC planning.*

Macon, Application and **Region 6** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Monday, February 15, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, River Edge Community Service Board, Macon Health Complex, Training Room A, 175 Emery Highway, Macon, GA (404) 679-0651, Contact: Ms. Phillis Thomas.

Augusta, Application and **Region 7** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Oak Pointe Center, Conference Room, 730 East Boundary Street, Augusta, GA (706) 724-8588, Contact: Ms. Lynda Suarez. *Note that the BoS CoC excludes the Augusta-Richmond Consolidated Government. Organizations and individuals with interests only in Augusta-Richmond may wish to participate, but are not expected to participate, in BoS CoC planning.*

Columbus, Application and **Region 8** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Friday, February 19, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, HHS Building, Conference Room B, 2100 Corner Avenue, Columbus GA, (706) 596-5717, Contact: Mr. Dave Wallace. *Note that the BoS CoC excludes the Columbus-Muscogee Consolidated Government. Organizations and individuals with interests only in Columbus-Muscogee may wish to participate, but are not expected to participate, in BoS CoC planning.*

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Dublin, Application and **Region 9** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Pine Forest United Methodist Church, 400 Woods Avenue, Dublin, GA (478) 272-2441, Contact: Ms. Susan Dyches.

Albany, Application and **Region 10** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Arthur Kay Williams Micro Enterprise Center (formerly Albany Business and Technology Center), 230 South Jackson Street, Albany, GA, (229) 483-7650, Contact: Ms. Annie Mackey.

Valdosta, Application and **Region 11** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop, Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, First Christian Church, 1905 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA, call Church at (229) 244-1742 for directions only, otherwise call (229) 630-0924 (Jane's cell), Contact: Ms. Jane Osborn

Savannah, Application and **Region 12** Continuum of Care Planning Workshop Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless, 2301 Bull Street, Savannah, GA (912) 790-3400, Contact: Ms. Janice Sheffield. *Note that the BoS CoC excludes Savannah and Chatham County. Organizations and individuals with interests only in Savannah and Chatham County may wish to participate, but are not expected to participate, in BoS CoC planning.*

We appreciate your time in reviewing this information. Please feel free to pass it along to others within your agency, or to any organization that serves the needs of persons experiencing homelessness or of persons with HIV in your community. Should you have questions regarding these meetings, please contact any of the following Housing Trust Fund staff: John Bassett (404) 679-3170 - email john.bassett@dca.ga.us, Phillis Thomas (404) 679-0651 - email phillis.thomas@dca.ga.us, Tina Moore (404) 327-6870 – email tina.moore@dca.ga.us, Elayne Miller (404) 679-4942 - email Elayne.miller@dca.ga.us, Lindsey Stillman (404) 327-6813 - email Lindsey.stillma@dca.ga.us, Patricia Wright (404) 327-6856 - email patricia.wright@dca.ga.us, Bonnie Woods (404) 679-3150 – email bonnie.woods@dca.ga.us,

Enclosure (1)

State Service Delivery Regions

