



MEMORANDUM

“...meeting community needs...enhancing quality of life.”

TO: Community and Economic Development Committee
FROM: Nikki Gerhard, Community Development Specialist
DATE: November 8, 2017
RE: Continuum of Care Transitional Housing Program Grant Reclassification

Reports and recent data has shown that the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Fox Cities is not decreasing under the administration of the current programs, which includes transitional housing. The Fox Cities is ranked among one of the top five communities with the most clients experiencing homelessness in the Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care (excluding Milwaukee/Milwaukee County and Madison/Dane County) , and is ranked second with the most clients experiencing chronic homelessness. This iterates the need to get clients housed, and quickly.

As a result, City of Appleton staff and community partners have identified that additional rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing programs are necessary, and have reclassified the Continuum of Care (COC) Transitional Housing Program grant to a Rapid Re-Housing Program grant. The key component to rapid re-housing is the utilization of other third-party landlords, thus the opportunity to quickly house individuals in need. Transitional housing programs are generally not as effective at quickly housing individuals because of the restrictions associated with agency-owned properties.

Under the reclassification, the 2017-2018 program year funding, in the amount of \$181,152, will be stretched to provide rental assistance and supportive services to 16 households. This grant operates on an October 1- September 30 program year. The City of Appleton will continue operating and serving as the fiscally responsible entity, with the Community Development Specialist serving as the lead. The community partners administering the programs will also remain the same, and consists of Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities, ADVOCAP, and the Salvation Army of the Fox Cities.

For more information or statistical data on the Fox Cities' system performance measures, as referenced above, visit <http://www.wiboscoc.org/system-performance-measures.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 832-6469 or nikki.gerhard@appleton.org. Thank you!