

**Attending:** Donna Carrington, Allison De Marco, Kathleen Ferguson, Anne-Marie Vanaman, Corey Root, Isabel Shapiro

### **Background on ESG-CV Round 1**

Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness staff and agencies in Orange County have been submitting applications and generating staff scoring for projects over the past week. Project Review Committee (PRC) members received applications on July 10, and scored applications between July 10-13. At the July 6 Leadership Team meeting, members decided on the funding split for the available \$341,633 in Orange County:

- 75% -- \$256,225 -- Crisis Response, including street outreach, shelter operations and services
- 25% -- \$85,408 -- Housing Stability, including rapid re-housing and prevention

Members also decided that Orange County will participate in the Back@Home program, therefore the PRC will not review this project.

To avoid conflict of interest PRC member, Allison De Marco, will not score or discuss IFC project and will not vote on funding recommendation because her sister serves on the IFC board.

### **Project Application Review**

Two agencies submitted two project applications:

- The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) submitted a renewal project application for a COVID Staff Person HomeStart Shelter -- \$172,280 requested
- Orange County submitted a new project application for Street Outreach -- \$256,225 requested

Members reviewed metrics on each scorecard and finalized scorecards for each project:

- IFC Project [Scorecard](#): Funding a COVID-19 shelter staff person
- Orange County [Scorecard](#): Street Outreach Program

### **Feedback on Tools and Process**

- Scorecard is a good tool, but could use more benchmarks for reference on the following particular metrics
  - Cost per permanent housing exit for Orange County
  - Cost per permanent housing exit by program type for Orange County
  - Would also be good to have cost per permanent housing exits for nearby counties or like-sized communities
- It would also be helpful for PRC to be provided more general information about Orange County homelessness population and community to understand projects in general context.
- Some disconnect between the scorecard and project criteria
- PRC members would like staff to provide more detailed information to project applicants in future rounds of funding, would be helpful to:
  - Provide scorecard/rubric
  - Provide potential applicant briefing after scorecard is approved
  - Provide more information on all required materials and document checklist
    - Train potential applicants on fillable scorecard purpose and expectations
  - Ensure that applicants know that supplemental documents/information are expected
  - Ensure there are no character limits in spaces where applicants provide supplemental information



**Project Review Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Mon. July 14, 2020, 1-2:45 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

- Would like more specific information to determine if projects are financially feasible
- Ask all applicants – including units of government – to submit certified audit reports
- Some trouble with SmartSheet

**Funding Recommendation**

At July 6 Leadership Team meeting, Leadership Team members voted to participate in the Back@Home program. Back@Home projects will be reviewed at the state level, not at the local level by the PRC or Leadership Team. PRC members appreciated both project applications. The Street Outreach project fills a longtime gap in the Orange County homeless service system (most recent gaps analysis: <https://www.ocpehnc.com/gaps-analysis>). PRC members felt it would be more difficult to get startup funding for street outreach from other sources. PRC members liked that the IFC project was COVID-specific and would have liked more details on the specifics of what this staff person would do day-to-day. PRC would like to see applications from IFC in future rounds of ESG and ESG-CV funding. Members would also like to see a proposal on expanding noncongregate shelter.

PRC unanimously agreed to recommend \$256,225 in funding for the Orange County Street Outreach project. The Leadership Team will consider this recommendation at their next meeting on Wednesday, July 15.

**Next Meeting:** Corey will send out a Doodle Poll to schedule an August meeting