County of Bucks Department of Housing & Community Development

2024 HOMELESS SERVICES APPLICATION

INFORMATION SESSION

Funding Overview

➢Funding sources include:

   ➢American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA)

   ➢Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Funds (PHARE)

   ➢Community Development Blocks Grant CV Funds (CDBG-CV)

➢Grant Terms:

   ➢Contract terms of up to 2 years

   ➢Funds must be expended by 12/31/2026 in most cases

Funding Eligibility

➤ Project Eligibility – projects that address housing insecurity, affordable housing, and homelessness within Bucks County including:

- ➤ Rapid Re-Housing
- ➤ Street Outreach
- ➤ Supportive Services
- ➤ Shared Housing
- ➤ Innovative Solutions

➤ Eligible Applicants

- ➤ Non-profit organizations
- ➤ Governmental organizations

➤ Ineligible Projects/Activities

- ➤ Acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation costs
- ➤ Projects that do not demonstrate need or enhancement/increase of services

Priority Projects

➢ Community based case management to support households recently exited from Housing Link programs yet requiring additional support or placed into housing with rental assistance but without case management.

➢ Shared Housing models that increase the availability of affordable housing options for Category 1households (see definitions).

➢ High performing projects that maintain increased system capacity generated with previously awarded homeless services funding or other funding.

➢ Organizations or projects that intend to apply a racial equity lens to the proposed project. Methodology must be clearly outlined.

➢ Projects that include plans to integrate those with lived experience.

➢Supportive service projects that provides diversion to households seeking shelter entry.

Application Rating Criteria

➢ Application Completeness

➢ Project Eligibility and Goals

➢ Detailed Project Description/Service Plan

➢ Demonstrated Need/Justification of project

➢ Cost Effectiveness/Reasonableness of submitted budget proposal

➢ Experience in administering performance-based projects and effectively utilizing federal, state, and local funds

➢ Commitment to CoC and HMIS Participation

➢ Increased capacity of homeless service system through new providers, new services, or continuation of services ending due to CV funds

➢ Incorporation of Priority Projects

➢ Project outcomes and performance for renewal project applications

➢ Project sustainability plan to continue beyond funding term

Application Sections

➢ Application Cover Sheet

➢ Application (New Projects or Renewal Projects)

➢ Appendix A – Definitions

➢ Appendix B – Budget (in excel form)

Application Timeline

Release Application   April 8th

Application Informational Session   April 22nd at 2PM

Deadline to Submit Questions   May 17th by 5PM

Application Due Date   June 17th by 5PM to HCD@buckscounty.org

Anticipated Award Notice   August 16th – 30th

Questions?