

CUYAHOGA COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
Permanent Supportive Housing Project CoC Support Process

Background

The Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) is recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as the lead agency for the Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care (CoC). For details about the OHS, go to <http://ohs.cuyahogacounty.us> . The OHS with direction from the OHS Advisory Board develops and implements strategic community responses so that homelessness is rare, brief and non-reoccurring for individuals and families within the policy structure described by the HEARTH Act.

Historically, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project proposals that have the local or state wide CoC support, have been awarded points through the QAP process. Through the FY2016 -2017 Qualified Application Plan, CoC's may endorse a second, or Tier 2, PSH project that also aligns with the CoC's goals to end homelessness. The Tier 2 PSH Project will receive points for being designated as a Tier 2 priority.

Purpose of this Document

This document provides information about the process and timeline for seeking Cuyahoga County CoC support for PSH projects applying for Tier 2 low-income tax credit financing through the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. As described in the 2016-2017 Qualified Application Plan (QAP) found on line at <http://www.ohiohome.org/lihtc/documents.aspx> , 15 points will be awarded to the Tier 2 project that has documented support from the local CoC.

2017 Cuyahoga County Tax Credit PSH Tier 2 Project Support Process

Cuyahoga County PSH Review Criteria

- The project advances the CoC's strategies to reduce and end homelessness for the highest barrier, homeless individuals and families
- The project targets un-served, or underserved, homeless individuals or families
- The project meets a documented need for housing & services for a PSH target population
- Relative to other projects, the project provides a large number of units or preserves units that would otherwise be lost
- The Project is consistent with the design review guidelines of the City of Cleveland & Cuyahoga County
- The project utilizes a housing first service delivery model for residents
- The project leverages non-CoC Program resources to assist in the development , operations, services, and sustainability of the PSH units
- The project documents a high quality community acceptance process and the support of the Councilperson and/or CDC.
- The project supportive services provider is qualified to submit Medicaid reimbursements

Submission Process for 2017 Cuyahoga County CoC Tier 2 LIHTC PSH Projects

Tier 2 PSH Tax Credit projects seeking Cuyahoga County CoC support must complete and submit the Tier 2 Project Proposal (attached) to the Cuyahoga County CoC Tier 2 PSH Project Review Committee, by end of business on **Thursday, January 5, 2017**. The project will be reviewed by the Committee. A recommendation for action will be made to the OHS Advisory Board. Applicants will be notified of the status of CoC support on **Friday, January 20, 2017**.

2017 Cuyahoga County Tier 2 PSH Project Process Timeline

October, 2016	2017 AHFA posted to OHFA website
January 5, 2017	Deadline for submitting PSH project to CoC
January 20, 2017	CoC Committee notifies Project sponsors of decisions
February 16, 2017	Deadline to submit Proposal applications to OHFA
September 21, 2017	Deadline to submit final applications to OHFA