

4900.3766 FUNDING PRIORITIES.

Among proposals that satisfy the selection standards in part 4900.3765, the agency shall give priority in awarding rental assistance funding under the housing trust fund program to those proposals that best address the greatest number of the following priorities:

A. the extent to which the rental assistance program proposes to serve persons and families whose gross incomes at the time of initial occupancy do not exceed 30 percent of the median family income for the metropolitan area. This median income may be adjusted for family size for families with five or more people;

B. the extent to which the amount of rent to be paid by tenants of the proposed housing does not exceed 30 percent of 30 percent of the area median income as determined by HUD. This median income may be adjusted for family size for families with five or more people;

C. the extent to which the rental assistance program reflects locally determined priorities described in the continuum of care plan;

D. the extent to which the applicant's plan to transition households off rental assistance under the housing trust fund program includes components necessary to stabilize a household by either increasing the household's income or locating a source of rental assistance that is not time limited;

E. the extent to which the proposal addresses the housing needs of underserved populations;

F. the extent to which the proposed administrative fees are reasonable and demonstrate cost-effectiveness;

G. the extent to which the rental subsidy is kept as low as possible without compromising the stability of the tenant;

H. the extent to which other resources are not available to provide rental assistance in the service area, including but not limited to, the availability of Section 8 rental assistance;

I. the extent to which the applicant has demonstrated success in transitioning households off state-funded rental assistance programs;

J. the extent to which the application assists households experiencing long-term homelessness, and coordinates or provides linkages or a plan for resident support services to the extent necessary, such as information and referral, outreach and engagement, advocacy, case management, self-reliance training, employment readiness, employment training, or resident association and community building activities, contingent upon an agreement with an established organization providing such services to residents and financial plans demonstrating feasibility; and

K. temporary priorities, as established by the agency board members or the legislature, that reflect unexpected short-term changes in the demand for housing. An example of an unexpected short-term change is the need to direct resources to respond to a natural disaster, such as a flood or tornado. Temporary priorities are described in the application guide.

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