



City of Alexandria Continuum of Care 2020-2022 VHSP Community Application Guidelines

The Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness (PPEH) in the City of Alexandria is a diverse group of homeless service providers, local government agencies, and community stakeholders working together to make homelessness rare and brief in the City. As the area’s Continuum of Care (CoC), the Partnership is responsible for promoting a systematic approach towards homeless assistance, including prioritizing programs and services in Community Funding Applications that most effectively address the community’s needs.

The 2020-2022 Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP_ competitive funding was recently released, affording Alexandria opportunity to reapply for the \$980,779 the City received in FY20 from the state for homeless assistance, and potentially more. Community Applications are awarded based on:

- Demonstrated local need and system performance (50%)
- Service provider and CoC Capacity (25%)
- Alignment of program and approach with state and federal priorities (25%)

Communities must match 25% of their total award so in Alexandria, individual VHSP grantees must match 25% of their grant award, cash or in kind. Below is a list of the current VHSP funds in Alexandria, including the service they support, the grantee, and the subrecipient/operator if applicable:

Line Item	FY18-20 Funding.	Program – VHSP Grantee (Subrecipient/Operator)
Shelter Operations	\$60,000	ACS – DCHS OCS (VOA-C)
	\$40,000	Winter Shelter – DCHS OCS (Carpenter’s Shelter)
	\$10,000	DV Shelter – DCHS DVP
Homeless Prevention	\$257,000	DCHS OCS
Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	\$353,779	Singles RRH – Carpenter’s Shelter
	\$180,000	Families RRH – Carpenter’s Shelter
Coordinated Entry	\$32,000	DCHS OCS
CoC Planning	\$23,000	DCHS OCS
HMIS	\$25,000	DCHS OCS
Total	\$980,779	Alexandria CoC

According to VHSP guidelines, services highlighted red in the chart above are only available for application from Alexandria's Office of Community Services (OCS) as the CoC's designated coordinated entry operator, CoC Lead Agency, and HMIS Lead Agency. Shelter operations, homeless prevention, and RRH funds are available for application from programs that participate actively in CoC coordinated entry and housing prioritization processes, and meet the current homeless assistance needs and performance standards in the City.

To define community the need for homeless assistance relative to VHSP funds, the CoC's Gaps & Needs Committee submitted a 2020 VHSP Funding Recommendation Report based on FY20 system performance and annual service count data, which was approved by the PPEH Governing Board on 2/6/2020. In their report the Committee recommended the current VHSP funding and provider configurations remain for prevention, shelter, and rapid rehousing, so that recent CoC successes could extend into the future. Specifics surrounding the local competition for each available VHSP service are listed below:

Shelter Operations

City Shelter providers (including both year-round shelters, seasonal shelter, and the Domestic Violence [DV] Shelter) are eligible to apply for 2020-2022 VHSP Shelter funding. Those programs are encouraged to apply only up to the FY20 funding amount for the services. Programs requesting beyond their specific FY20 amount must use data to justify how the increase will improve housing service delivery in regular shelter, or client safety measures specific to the DV Shelter.

Homeless Prevention

The City's Community Action Agency and Coordinated Entry operator is eligible to apply for 2020-2022 VHSP Prevention funding. It was recommended that the VHSP Prevention provider not apply beyond the FY20 funding amount for the service.

Rapid Rehousing

Active Rapid Rehousing providers in Alexandria are eligible to apply for both singles and family 2020-2022 VHSP Rapid Rehousing funding and are encouraged to apply up to the FY20 funding amount for each service. Programs requesting beyond their FY20 amount must apply it to family households and use data to justify how additional dollars will serve more families in response to increased community need.

For inclusion in the City's 2020-2022 VHSP Community Application, eligible programs must complete the following and submit it to Stefan Caine at stefan.caine@alexandriava.gov no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 28th:

- **2020 VHSP - Notice of Intent**
- **2020 VHSP - Proposed Match**
- **2020 VHSP - Year One Request**
- **2020 VHSP - Grantee Assurances**

Proposals must demonstrate consistency with the local consolidated plan and the 2020 VHSP Funding Recommendation Report. Additional information about the Partnership and CoC, and all documents related to the 2020 VHSP RRH Competition and referenced in this document can be found on the [Partnership's webpage](#).