



FY 2015 Regional CoC Debriefing

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Opening Doors:

Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

There are four major goals in *Opening Doors*:

1. End chronic homelessness
2. End veteran homelessness
3. End family and youth homelessness
4. Set a path to ending all homelessness

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) is tracking the progress through HUD's annual point-in-time (PIT) data

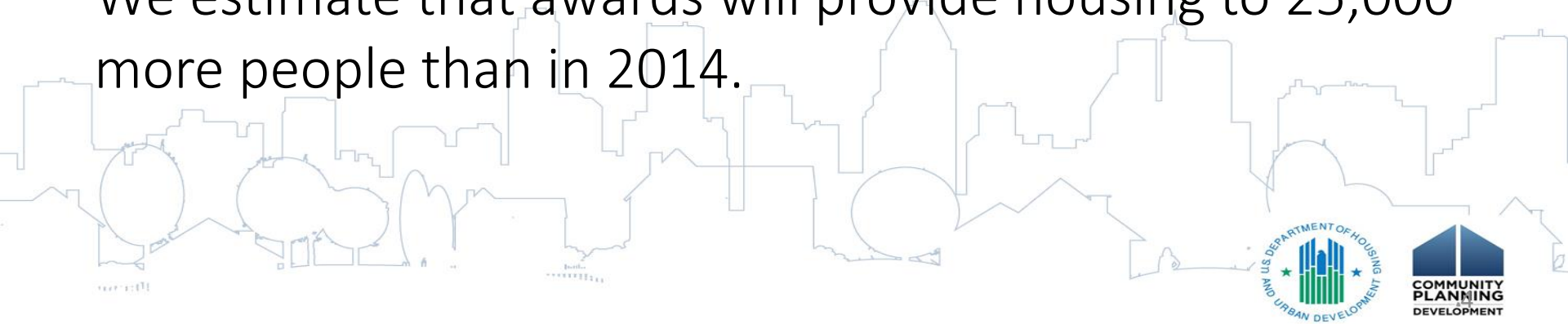


Funding Overview

Total Awarded: \$1.94 billion

- 7,616 New and Renewal projects
- \$260 million awarded to new PH projects via reallocation and PH Bonus
 - \$160 million increase in PSH
 - \$100 million increase in RRH

We estimate that awards will provide housing to 25,000 more people than in 2014.



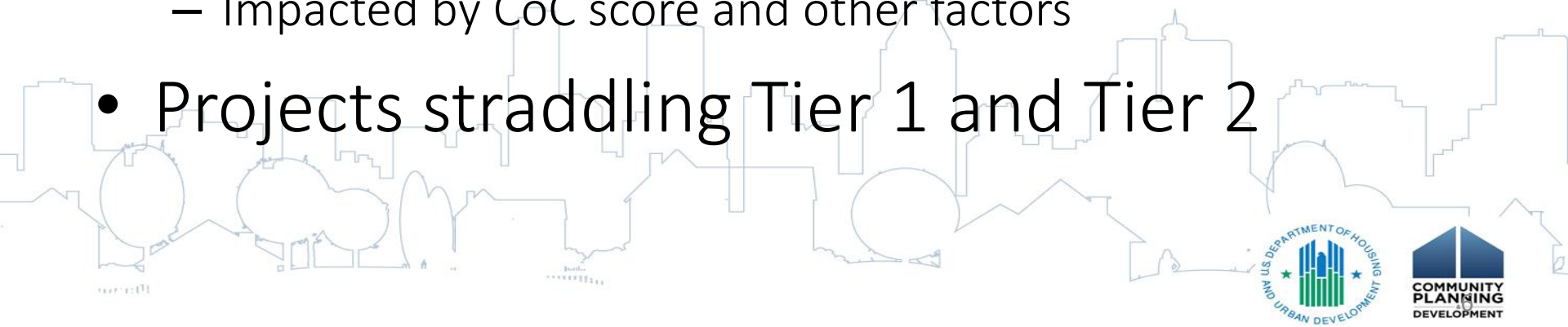
Policy Priorities

1. Strategic Resource Allocation
2. Ending Chronic Homelessness
3. Ending Family Homelessness
4. Ending Youth Homelessness
5. Ending Veteran's Homelessness
6. Using a Housing first Approach



Tier 1 and Tier 2

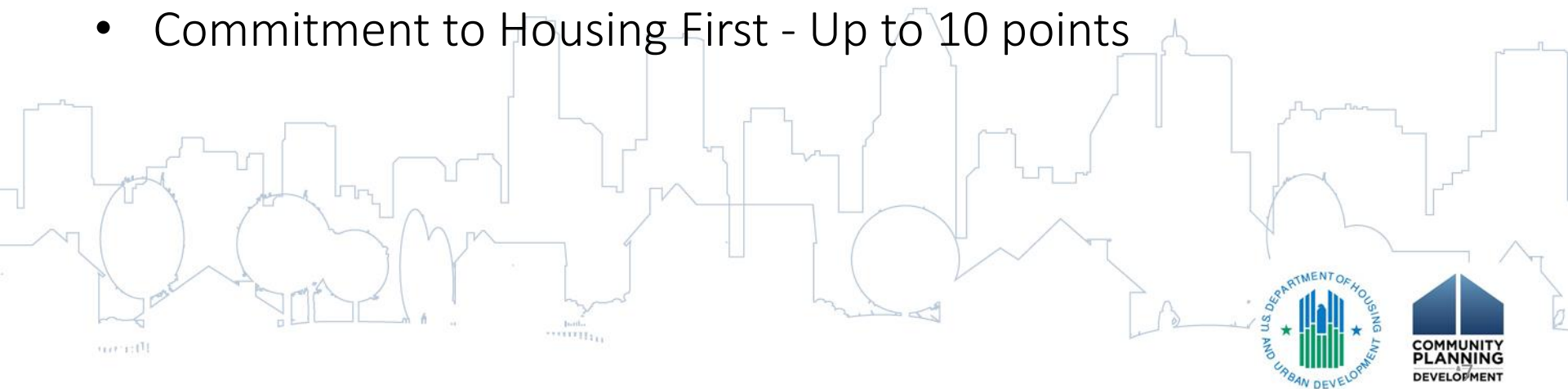
- Tier 1 Projects
 - 85% of CoC's ARD
 - Safe
- Tier 2 Projects
 - Tier 2 projects compete for funding
 - Impacted by CoC score and other factors
- Projects straddling Tier 1 and Tier 2



Overview of Selection and Ranking

Within the rank order established by the CoC on the Priority Listing, HUD awarded a point value to each new and renewal project application in Tier 2 using a 100 point scale:

- CoC Score – Up to 60 points
- CoC Project Ranking - Up to 20 points
- Project Type - Up to 10 points
- Commitment to Housing First - Up to 10 points



How did CoCs do well?

CoCs that scored well and received increased funding did the following:

- Reallocated lower performing projects, especially TH and SSO projects
- Used performance criteria to rate and rank projects
- Used Housing First practices
- Reduced homelessness in their communities



Why weren't my projects funded?

CoC's overall Performance

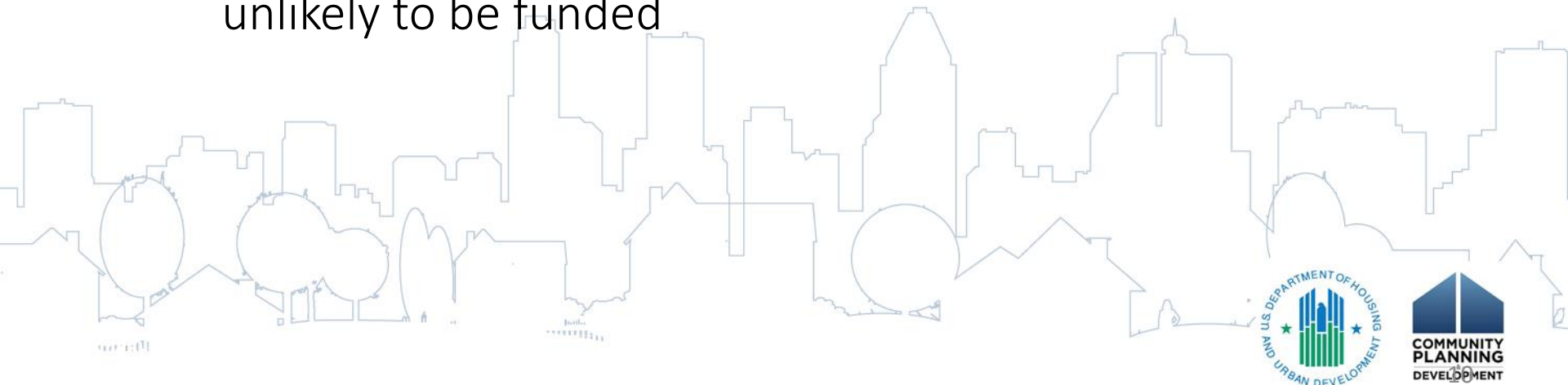
- CoCs that scored poorly were less likely to get projects funded
 - Increase in homelessness in the CoC's geographic area
 - Poor strategies to reduce length of time individuals experience homelessness
 - Poor strategies to reduce returns to homelessness
 - Strategies to prevent and end homelessness were inadequate
 - Not using evidence-based practices



Why weren't my projects funded? (cont.)

Project Performance

- TH and SSO projects were less competitive; many projects of these would have been funded if they had been reallocated
- Projects lost points for not using Housing First practices
- Projects that were at the bottom of their CoC's Tier 2 were unlikely to be funded



Reallocation

- Encourages Performance-based prioritization
 - CoCs can eliminate lower performing projects
 - CoCs can eliminate lower performing types of projects
- On Average, CoCs reallocated 6.7% of their resources
- Through reallocation, communities funded \$116 million in new projects, including:
 - \$48 million for Permanent Supportive Housing
 - \$46 million for Rapid Rehousing
 - \$19 million for new Coordinated Assessment
 - \$4 million for new HMIS



Transitional Housing

HUD is funding just over half as much transitional housing as last year

- \$155 million less awarded to transitional housing projects

Of the \$155 million reduction, nearly half was reallocated locally, and the rest were in Tier 2 and not selected

- Youth transitional housing programs were seldom cut



Transitional Housing (cont.)

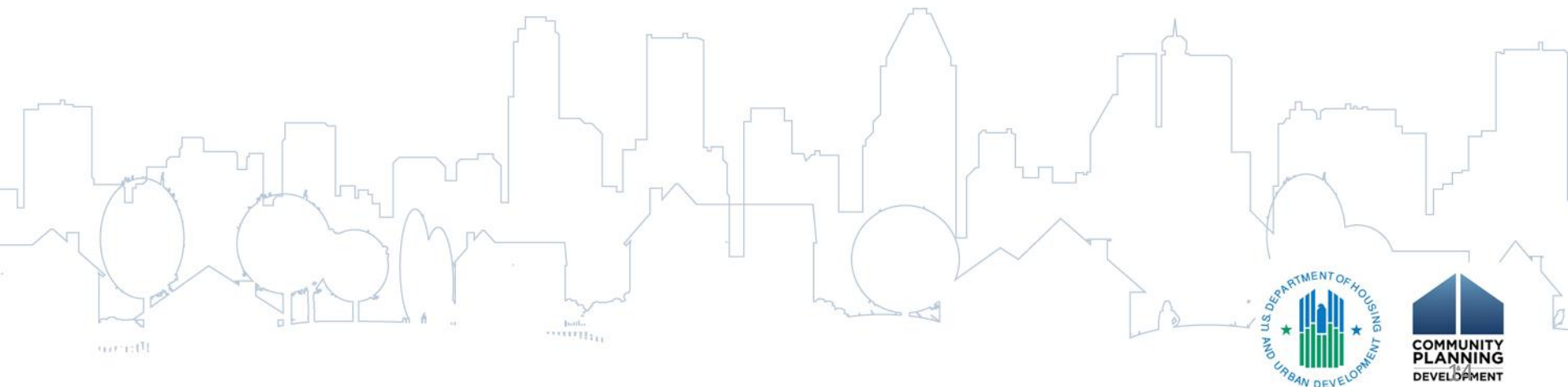
HUD is encouraging CoCs to reduce transitional housing, but there are important considerations:

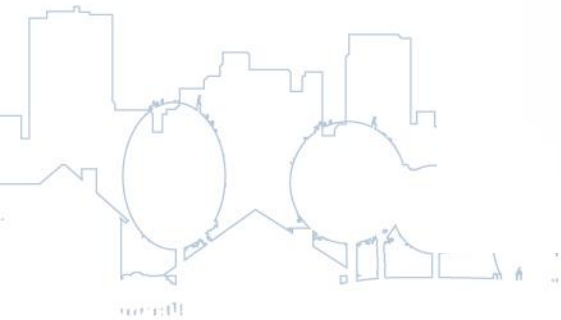
- Review HUD's Recovery Brief
- Can TH be used as short term crisis housing to help reduce unsheltered homelessness or provide safety for people fleeing DV
- Ensure that TH programs are helping people move quickly into permanent housing
- Continue to review TH programs that serve youth



Guidance for Grants not Funded

- Extending Grants with funds remaining
- Grant Closeouts
- Exiting program participants from projects
- Restrictive Covenants





Moving Forward

CoCs Should Focus on:

- ✓ Reducing Homelessness
- ✓ Monitoring Performance
- ✓ Reallocation
- ✓ Reducing Barriers
- ✓ Targeting Resources to people with the highest needs

