JOINT TH-RRH COMPONENT PROJECTS

BACKGROUND & REQUIREMENTS

JOINT COMPONENT PROJECTS: WHY?

- A new way to meet pressing challenges communities are facing

- Provide a safe space for people to stay – the transitional housing component – while providing financial assistance and wrap around supportive services to help people move into and stabilize in permanent housing – the rapid re-housing portion

- In operating the projects, HUD expects they:

  - Follow a low-barrier approach

  - Use a Housing First approach with client-drive service models

  - Incorporate client-choice

  - Target and prioritize people experiencing homelessness with higher needs and who are most vulnerable

JOINT COMPONENT PROJECTS: REQUIREMENTS

- Follow a housing first approach

- Cap total assistance at 24-month

- Limit costs as follows:

  - Leasing and operating costs for TH portion only

  - Short- or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance in RRH portion

  - Supportive services, HMIS (including for a comparable database for victim service providers), and project administrative costs across the entire project

- Enter data into HMIS or comparable database

- Participate in coordinated entry

- Meet all other CoC Program requirements

JOINT COMPONENT PROJECTS: YHDP EXPERIMENTATION

- YHDP sites are encouraged to experiment with joint component project design to best meet the needs of youth experimenting homelessness

- Current YHDP sites are experimenting with:

  - Shared housing, or individual TH to RRH in the same unit

  - Scattered-site TH to RRH in a different unit

  - Maximizing youth client choice in determining unit and location

  - Ensuring RRH assistance available, even if not in the Joint Component project.

JOINT COMPONENT PROJECTS: WHO IS ELIGIBLE - COC

- Individuals and families who meet the following criteria:
  - Residing in a place not meant for human habitation
  - Residing in an emergency shelter
  - Residing in a TH project that is being eliminated
  - Residing in TH being funded by another Joint Component project
  - Meeting Category 4 of the homeless definition
  - Receiving services from a VA-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system

JOINT COMPONENT PROJECTS:
WHO IS ELIGIBLE – YHDP & DV BONUS

- For **YHDP** -- youth, up to age 25 who meet any Category of HUD's homeless definition (including those youth who meet Category 2 of HUD's homeless definition)

- For **DV Bonus** -- survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as defined in Category 4 of HUD's homeless definition

JOINT COMPONENT PROJECTS: DATA REQUIREMENTS

- Programs must utilize a HUD and VAWA-Compliant Comparable Database

- Must be set-up in data system as two-different programs:

  - One TH program and one RRH program

  - Clients will have one entry if they remain in TH or RRH

  - Clients will have two entries if they begin in TH and move to RRH

- Agencies must submit an APR for each program in SAGE HMIS annually

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

JOINT COMPONENT PROJECTS: HOUSING FIRST FOR SURVIVORS OF DV

- DV Housing First approach (developed by WSCADV) is based upon the principles of :
  - Survivor-driven safety;
  - Survivor-driven approach;
  - Flexible funding used to support housing access and stability and which is not limited to rental subsidy or one-time grants; and,
  - Community engagement/partnerships with a wide range of housing providers
- Other Best Practices:
  - Safety planning
  - Wraparound supportive services
  - Connection to community services
  - Flexible financial assistance
  - Flexible Engagement

JOINT COMPONENT PROJECTS: LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT

- For the RRH portion of the project – and if master leasing units for the TH portion – having an adequate supply of units and landlords is necessary. Communities should:
  - Build relationships with landlord associations and civic organizations
  - Highlight the benefits for landlords

JOINT COMPONENT PROJECTS: STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

The Joint Component project is a new program that necessitates new and continued trainings for all staff, including:

- TH
- RRH
- The differences between the programs and the requirements for the each component
- Data requirements
- Evaluative outcomes for client destination

JOINT COMPONENT PROJECTS: RESOURCES

- HUD resources:
  - https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/SNAPS-In-Focus-The-New-Joint-Transitional-Housing-and-Rapid-Re-Housing-Component.pdf
  - https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HMIS-When-to-Use-a-Comparable-Database.pdf
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/yhdp/
- Federal Domestic Violence and Housing Technical Assistance Consortium (the Consortium) (DVHTAC) https://safehousingpartnerships.org/about
- JCP FAQ: https://safehousingpartnerships.org/sites/default/files/2019-03/NRCDV_SHP-JointTransitionalHousing-Sept2018.pdf
- National Alliance for Safe Housing Safety Planning Toolkit https://www.nationalallianceforsafehousing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Safety-Planning-for-Survivors-of-Domestic-and-Sexual-violence-Final-10-10-18.pdf.

QUESTIONS