



Unsheltered Homelessness Initiative City of Fredericksburg & Mary Washington Healthcare Proposal

Over the past several months, the Continuum of Care (CoC) has presented on the Unsheltered Homelessness Initiative to each of the Planning District 16 localities, and has adopted a 17-page proposal outlining how the initiative would be implemented if fully funded. The full proposal is available on the CoC website: <https://www.fredericksburgcoc.org/our-work/unsheltered-homelessness-initiative/>

The City of Fredericksburg also approached the Rappahannock Regional Jail Authority Board and the Mary Washington Healthcare about contributing to this initiative.

So far, only the City of Fredericksburg and Mary Washington Healthcare have expressed interest in contributing financially to the initiative in Fiscal Year 2019. The CoC would like to propose a scaled-back version of the initiative based on partial funding commitments from these partners.

Below, the CoC presents two funding options. In both options, funds would be used to rapidly re-house persons from the street, targeting the most vulnerable through the existing community prioritization process. This would be the first time, however, that rapid re-housing funds would be set aside specifically for the unsheltered population. In both scenarios, funds would allow the CoC to house more people from the street than would be possible without the funds.

Also in both options, funds would be combined with existing rapid re-housing resources to have a meaningful impact (i.e. funding for .1 or .4 FTE case managers would be combined with other rapid re-housing funding to employ a part-time or full-time case manager, rather than hiring someone for only a few hours per week). The requested case management funding would support additional hours of the case manager dedicated to the additional case load associated with this funding, not supplant existing staffing costs.

The below calculations assume the following:

- Average financial assistance cost of \$2,500 per household
- Cost to hire rapid re-housing case manager of \$65,000 (salary + fringe)
- Ideal rapid re-housing caseload of 15 households
- Average length of stay of 195 days in rapid re-housing program

Option A: \$60,000

With \$60,000, the CoC could increase rapid re-housing case management capacity by .4 FTE and rapidly re-house an additional 12 people from the street. The budget would be as follows:

Case Management	.4 FTE (RRH)	\$28,848
Short-Term Housing Subsidy (RRH)	12 Households	\$31,152
Total		\$60,000

Option A assumes \$60,000 in funding, including \$50,000 from the City of Fredericksburg (the amount included in the draft budget) and \$10,000 from the Mary Washington Healthcare.

Option B: \$20,000

With \$20,000, the CoC could increase rapid re-housing case management capacity by .1 FTE and rapidly re-house an additional 4 people from the street. The budget would be as follows:

Case Management	.1 FTE (RRH)	\$9,616
Short-Term Housing Subsidy (RRH)	4 Households	\$10,384
Total		\$20,000

Option B assumes \$20,000 in funding, including \$10,000 from the City of Fredericksburg and \$10,000 from the Mary Washington Healthcare.

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