



ECHO Core Funding Principles

To support goals related to prevention, ending short- and long-term homelessness
And providing highly effective coordination to end homelessness

1. ECHO recognizes the critical significance for the continuum of housing interventions including prevention, outreach, interim housing options (like shelter, recuperative care & transitional housing), and permanent housing strategies like Rapid-Rehousing, long-term subsidies and Permanent Supportive Housing
2. ECHO supports renewal funding of all local programs meeting both local and HUD performance goals and local strategies to end homelessness
3. ECHO defends maintaining and increasing our COC housing inventory despite the threat of a reduction in federal funding
4. ECHO values collaboration, data driven and consensus-arrived decisions, evidence based practices and effective leadership

Community Funding Priorities (CFP)

The following priorities are not in rank order. Each needs funding. ECHO realizes that for certain funding sources and opportunities, ranking of these priorities will be necessary.

Capital investment, operations subsidies and service dollars to implement Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) consistent with evidence-based practices and local standards, i.e. housing first and project based, giving strong emphasis on housing for persons who qualify as one of the following:

- chronically homeless families (*ECHO Plan, ECHO PSH Report, HMIS APR, HMIS AHAR, City Resolution, HUD goals, PIT, HMIS Bed List*)
- individuals or families who have experienced family violence (*ECHO Plan, ECHO PSH Report, City Resolution, PIT, Bed List, Safe Place Wait List, Safe Sleep reports*)
- frequent users of public systems (EMS, jails, emergency shelters & hospitals) with a history of chronic homelessness, mental illness and/or vulnerability* (*ECHO Plan, ECHO PSH Report, DACC, 100 Homes (VI, Jail, EMS, ICC), CJP*) *ECHO is currently holding community discussions about our PSH strategy including data collection, definitions, significance and measure of vulnerability and key components which may impact this wording in coming months)

Rental assistance, case management and other resources to implement Rapid Rehousing strategies consistent with evidence-based practices and local standards giving strong emphasis on housing for

- families and single women (*ECHO Plan, HUD goals, HMIS Community Data, HMIS Bed List, HMIS APR, HMIS AHAR, CAN, NHCD, Safe Sleep reports, Safe Place Wait List*)
- veterans (*ECHO Plan, HUD goals, PIT, 100 Homes, HMIS Bed List*)
- individuals in poor health (*100 Homes, HIC*)

These CFP were approved by the Membership Council on July 15, 2013.

Capital investment, operations and services to expand interim housing options like shelter while we increase our permanent housing stock, recognizing the immediate needs of

- families and single women (*PIT, AHAR, APRS, HMIS Bed List, Safe Sleep Reports, Salvation Army Call Back List, Safe Place Wait List*)
- chronically homeless men (*PIT, HMIS Bed List, Front Steps, Salvation Army*)
- individuals in poor health or needing recuperative care (*100 Homes, Front Steps Recuperative Care Annual Report, Seton High Alert*)

Personnel and tools needed to plan and implement Coordinated System Improvements including common assessments, diversion, landlord outreach specialists and data/technology supports (HUD, ECHO work plans)