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From: Kate Garvey
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Subject: PSH Grant Questions

Below are responses to questions raised regarding the Permanent Supportive Housing Grant that is on the docket for this evening.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Kate

I was reviewing the docket item for the Permanent Supportive Housing grant and I had a few questions:

1) I understand that we are the fiscal agent for the grant. If and when it is awarded, with the procurement for the beds in other jurisdictions be down by those respective localities, or will we do the procurement for all 3 jurisdictions?

OUR PLAN IS THAT THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS WILL INVOLVE ALEXANDRIA ISSUING AN RFP FOR ONE HOUSING PROVIDER TO HANDLE THE LOCATION OF AND LEASING AND MANAGEMENT OF 40 UNITS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF RENTAL SUBSIDIES FOR THE TENANTS ACROSS ALEXANDRIA (10 units); PRINCE WILLIAM (20 units); AND LOUDOUN (10 units). THE RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS WILL NEED TO ESTABLISH MOU/MOA WITH BOTH ALEXANDRIA AND THE SELECTED HOUSING PROVIDER.

2) Given the rehabilitation services are already being provided by the CSB, are we simply soliciting for the rental of private real estate?

NO. PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS A PARTICULAR MODEL OF HOUSING PLUS SERVICES. IT IS TRUE THAT WE WILL NOT BE SOLICITING FOR CLINICAL (CSB-TYPE) SERVICES. WE WILL BE SOLICITING FOR A PRIVATE HOUSING PROVIDER WHO CAN ADMINISTER A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM. THIS INVOLVES MORE THAN SOLELY A TYPICAL LANDLORD FUNCTION. IT ALSO ENTAILS HOUSING LOCATOR SERVICES, FREQUENT UNIT INSPECTIONS AND RESIDENT COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION WITH CSB PROVIDERS AROUND IDENTIFIED CLIENT NEEDS, AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES TO PROMOTE SUSTAINED, STABLE TENANCY.

3) Are there land-use implications for the placement of these units, or do we just view these as private residential units?

NO SPECIAL LAND USE OR ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS. THESE ARE STANDARD LEASED MARKET RATE RENTAL UNITS. IT IS MOST LIKELY (THOUGH NOT REQUIRED) THAT THE

CONTRACTED PSH PRIVATE HOUSING PROVIDER WILL BE THE ACTUAL LEASE HOLDER AND WILL SUBLET WITH FORMAL SUBLEASE AGREEMENT TO TENANTS.

4) Are the owners of existing committed units able to offer them up in response to the solicitation?

THE SOLICITATION WILL NOT BE FOR UNITS ONLY BUT FOR PSH SERVICES AS WELL. THAT SAID, THE PRIVATE PSH PROVIDER THAT IS SELECTED ABSOLUTELY WILL BE WORKING WITH ANY WILLING OWNERS OF FMR UNITS. DCHS HAS ALREADY ALERTED OFFICE OF HOUSING AND AHDC ABOUT THIS POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY.

Thanks.

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