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NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2024

Regional Leads Present: Derek Lancour, Emily Lowery, Amber Brafford, Pamela Hinton, Kristine Wiles, Natasha Elliott, Kerry Bashaw, Shawanda Barnes, Crystal Gwendo, Lynne James, Brian Fike

At-Large Members Present: Karen Carroll, Melissa Hewitt, Angela Harper King, Kea Alexander, Danny Jordan, Brooks Ann McKinney, Cassandra Rowe, Joseph Chilton

SC Members Absent: Emily Locklear, Kisha Darden, Erin Joy Crossfield

Interested Parties Present: Denice Ariztia, Bonnie Harper, Teena Willis, Melissa McKeown, Leonard Tillery, Leroy Wilson, Kim Hemphill, Sade Craine, Ebony King, Kennedy Lane, Jackie Lucas, Tara Peele, Catherine Kastleman, Tonya Gray, Cory Bragg, Daisy Butzer, Suzannah Pessagno, Robert Hudson, Brelyn Bowen, Bre Griffin, Monica Frizzell, Jessica Joyner, Michele Welsh, Peggy Hendrix, Alicia Broadway, Laurenn Singleton, Savannah Campbell, Shantisha Williams

NCCEH Staff Present: Brian Alexander, Laurel Benfield, Allie Card, Adriana Diaz, Teresa Robinson, Jenny Simmons, Debra Susie, Ashley VonHatten

FY2024 CoC Program Competitions

The FY2024 & FY2025 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity was released July 31. For FY2024:

- New Project: Intent to Apply Form:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/dde61c36a82847f09b886f3110665902>
 - Mandatory for new projects
 - Accepted on a rolling basis, non-binding
 - Deadline is August 13th by 5 PM
- 1st Submission Documents due Monday, August 19th by 5 PM
- 2nd Submission Documents due Wednesday, August 28th by 12 PM

The Project Review Committee Orientation will be held on August 28th at 9:30 AM.

FY2024 CoC Program Competition Next Steps

- Applications Scored August 29th – September 12th
- Project Review Committee Selection Meeting is September 18th at 9:30 AM

- **Special Steering Committee Approval Meeting on September 24th at 10:30 AM**
- Applicant notifications will go out September 24th after Steering Committee decision
- Appeals are due by September 26th at 12 NOON
- Project Review Committee Appeals Meeting (tentative) on September 30th at 9:30 AM
- **Steering Committee Meeting to address appeals (tentative) on October 1st at 10:30 AM**
- Post FY2024 CoC Application (tentative) by October 24th
- Submit FY2024 CoC Application (tentative) by October 28th
- Final Project Applications due to HUD by October 30th by 8 PM

CoC Builds NOFO

HUD released a new funding opportunity for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation in a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) called CoC Builds on July 19th. HUD will select project applications to fund:

- New PSH specifically for people experiencing homelessness which must include capital costs budgeted for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation; &
- Up to 20% of an award for CoC Program eligible activities & costs associated with such new PSH project & no more than 10% for admin costs

Under the NOFO, several entities are eligible to apply:

- State, county, municipal, or special district governments
- Federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations
- 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations

The NC Balance of State CoC may apply for (1) project for up to \$7,500,000 (a second project specifically by Tribal Reservations or Trust Lands could be applied for increasing the funding amount to \$9,500,000). The CoC Builds NOFO is located at this link:

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CFO/documents/Foa_Content_of_FR6800-N-25A.pdf.

To gauge interest in this special funding opportunity, the NC Balance of State CoC will require an intent to apply submission. Interested agencies should complete an intent to apply by September 27th: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e2d247926d2b4ab08e5a2941de5363ba>.

Agencies will be responsible for all aspects of the application except final submission. NCCEH, as the Collaborative Applicant, will submit the final application through grants.gov by the November 21st deadline.

Please send information & discuss with your networks, especially any affordable housing developers in your communities. Have interested parties reach out to bos@ncceh.org with any questions.

Competition Activity	Deadline
Intent to Apply Deadline	September 27 th at 5 PM
Application Deadline	October 10 th at 5 PM
PRC Scoring	October 14-18
PRC Selection Meeting	October 30 th at 1 PM
Steering Committee Approval	November 5 th at 10:30 AM
Applicant Notification	By COB on November 5 th
Appeals Deadline	November 7 th at 12 PM
PRC Appeals Meeting (tentative)	November 8 th at 9:30 AM
Steering Committee Appeals Meeting (tentative)	November 12 th at 10:30 AM
Final Application Due to NCCEH	November 15 th at 5 PM
Submit Application in grants.gov	November 19 th

CY2025 ESG Program Competition Applicant Selection

Staff reminded Steering Committee members about the Conflict-of-Interest Policy. Persons attending the Steering Committee meeting representing an agency applying for CY2025 ESG Annual Allocation Funding may not:

- Participate in conversation about the proposed slate
- Ask questions about the funding proposal for your agency
- Make a motion related to approving the proposed slate
- Vote on the proposed slate (please submit 'Abstain' in the chat so we have an official acknowledgement)

The Project Review Committee & CoC staff have completed the ESG Program application review process. CoC staff held an orientation meeting for Project Review Committee members on June 25th.

- Oriented members to ESG Program funding
- Explained this year's process & member responsibilities

PRC members & NCCEH staff reviewed project applications & met on August 2nd to develop the recommended slate of applications.

Project Applicants submitted materials to NCCEH for review by staff & PRC members. The project application deadline was July 16th.

- Two applications were received after the deadline.

NCCEH received:

- 32 Returning Project Applications

- 5 New Project Applications

All applications were reviewed using standardized methods & tools

- Staff reviewed Returning Project Applications.
 - 1 Returning Application was flagged for further review by the PRC.
- Each New Project Application was reviewed at least 2 times.
 - One to two NCCEH staff person(s)
 - One PRC member

Staff organized & reviewed the information submitted:

- Project Applications
 - Organized by region & assigned for review
- Project Applications with red flags
 - Review of Policies & Procedures raised red flags on a few applications. Agencies were given 1 business day to respond that they would address the issues raised by January 1, 2025, to continue in the competition.
 - Some applications did not provide all required documents & therefore their scores are lower because the information needed to score all components of their application was not provided.
- Project Applications
 - Reviewed for 60/40 splits of Services & Operations/Financial Assistance

Staff reviewed each region separately to maximize allocation of the Fair Share amount.

- Fair Share amounts were reviewed for each region to determine if applications exceeded the 60% cap for Emergency Response activities (SO & ES) & met the 40% Housing Stability minimum (RRH & HP).
- Fair Share amounts were not fully maximized in 3 regions:
 - Region 2
 - Region 7
 - Region 9
- Housing Stabilization funds were “left on the table” in Regions 2 & 9 due to no Housing Stabilization project applications.
 - NCCEH will work with the NC ESG Office after the competition to see if there is an opportunity to have these funds available in the region to apply for, but it will be up to the NC ESG Office to make this decision.

Using Median Scores:

- Project Applications were grouped: New, Returning, & VSPs & median scores were calculated per Project Type (SO, ES, RRH, HP, HMIS) within these groups (For example: New ES, Returning ES, VSP ES)

- Projects within each group that did not meet the median score for that project type were not eligible to receive an increase over last year’s funding.
- Utilizing median scores allowed for a clear precedent in decision making when having to reduce funding amounts to meet Fair Share.

All 13 Regional Review Forms were returned:

- Information from these forms was included in selection.
- All returned forms were reviewed & discussed during the application selection meeting.
- Red flags identified by regions were highlighted & reviewed during the selection meeting to help inform decisions.

The PRC used precedent in decision making:

- Allocated funding to agencies who submitted applications after the 7/16/24 deadline only if funding (Fair Share) was "left on the table" in the region
 - Two applications received after the deadline this year.
 - One in a region with money “left on the table” & no other Housing Stability applicants
 - One in a region where there was no more money “left on the table”
- Allocate any extra available funding to RRH financial assistance; RRH financial assistance added to applicants if the project’s score warrants the additional funding.
- Review funding requests for CY2025 versus awarded funding allocations in CY2024
 - When scores were below median & Fair Share was reduced in the region
- Default to funding returning applicants
 - Considered scores
- When reductions were needed to meet Regional Fair Share, HMIS allocations were automatically made to be no higher than \$2,500 for general population providers & \$5,000 for VSPs. This takes into consideration fees that VSPs have to pay for comparable databases.
- Considered each project’s coverage of counties within the region

Overall recommendation:

All returning projects were recommended for some level of funding. Three new projects were recommended for funding:

- Davidson County First Hope Ministries: ES in Region 5
- Davidson Medical Ministries: SO in Region 5
- Open Door Community Center: ES in Region 12

Proposed CY2025 ESG Application Slate:

Region 01 - \$137,521 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications Over Fair Share amount by \$45,800
- Over 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$82,513 by \$36,308
- Achieved Housing Stability minimum of \$55,008
- 3 Returning Applicants
 - Blue Ridge Community Health Services: SO for HAYWOOD, JACKSON, MACON, & SWAIN COUNTIES
 - HERE in Jackson County: SO for JACKSON, MACON, SWAIN; ES, RRH, HMIS for ALL REGION 1 COUNTIES
 - REACH of Macon County: DV/ES for MACON COUNTY
- No Red Flags in Regional Review Form

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Blue Ridge Community Health Services	\$25,000 (Haywood, Macon, Swain)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
HERE in Jackson Co	\$13,000 (Jackson)	\$19,255	\$62,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$96,755
REACH of Macon	\$0	\$15,766	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,766
Total						\$137,521

Region 2 - \$112,569 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications Over Fair Share by \$26,009
- Over 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$67,541 by \$71,037
- No Housing Stability Project Applications, did not achieve Housing Stability Minimum - \$45,028 left unallocated.
- 2 Returning Applicants
 - Blue Ridge Community Health: SO for ALL REGION 2 COUNTIES
 - HAVEN of Transylvania County: ES for TRANSYLVANIA
- No Red Flags in Regional Review Form

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Blue Ridge Community Health Services	\$24,422	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,422
The Haven of Transylvania County	\$0	\$43,119	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,119
Total						\$67,541

Region 3 - \$178,865 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications Over Fair Share amount by \$33,287
- Over 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$107,319 by \$27,972
- Achieved Housing Stability minimum of \$71,546
- 3 Returning Applicants
 - Mission Ministries Alliance: SO in ALL REGION 3, ES in ALL REGION 3 + 2 other CoC Counties, RRH in
- BURKE & MCDOWELL
 - Family Guidance Center: DV/ES for CATAWBA
 - Dulatown Outreach Center: ES for ALL REGION 3
- Red Flags for Family Guidance Center & Dulatown Outreach Center in Regional Review Form

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Mission Ministries Alliance	\$30,000	\$33,291	\$76,861	\$0	\$0	\$140,152
Family Guidance Center	\$0	\$25,357	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,357
Dulatown Outreach Center	\$0	\$13,356	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,356
Total						\$178,865

Region 4 - \$165,691 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications Over Fair Share by \$13,985
- Over 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$99,415 by \$13,985
- Achieved the Housing Stability minimum of \$66,276

- 3 Returning Applicants
 - Diakonos: ES for ALL REGION 4, RRH for ALL REGION 4
 - ECHO Ministries, dba The ARK: ES for ALL REGION 4
 - Greater Mt. Airy Ministry of Hospitality dba The Shepherd’s House: ES for ALL REGION 4 + 1 other CoC in NC & 2 counties in Virginia, SO for SURRY, STOKES, YADKIN
- No Red Flags in Regional Review Form

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Diakonos, Inc.	\$0	\$44,915	\$66,276	\$0	\$0	\$111,191
ECHO Ministry, Inc. dba The ARK	\$0	\$28,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,000
Greater Mt. Airy Ministry of Hospitality, Inc. dba The Shepherd’s House	\$5,000	\$21,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,500
Total						\$165,691

Region 5 - \$327,787 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications Over Fair Share amount by \$194,328
- Over 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$196,672 by \$179,328
- Achieved Housing Stability Minimum of \$131,115
- 2 New Applicants
 - Davidson County First Hope Ministries – ES for DAVIDSON
 - Davidson Medical Ministries – SO for DAVIDSON, ROWAN + 2 other Region’s counties & 2 other CoC’s
- 5 Returning Applicants
 - Family Crisis Council of Rowan – ES for ROWAN
 - Union County Community Shelter: SO for UNION, ES for UNION, RRH for UNION, HMIS
 - Family Services of Davidson County: ES for DAVIDSON, HMIS
 - Homes of Hope: ES for STANLY & 2 counties in Region 7, HMIS
 - Rowan Helping Ministries – SO for ROWAN
- No Red Flags in Regional Review Form

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Community Shelter of Union County	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$118,615	\$0	\$2,500	\$181,115
Rowan Helping Ministries	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Family Services of Davidson County	\$0	\$19,963	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$24,963
Davidson County First Hope Ministries	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Family Crisis Council of Rowan	\$0	\$21,709	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,709
Homes of Hope	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$42,500
Davidson Medical Ministries	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$22,500
Total						\$327,787

Region 6 - \$189,399 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications Over Fair Share amount by \$7,060
- Under 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$113,640 by (\$29,340)
- Achieved Housing Stability minimum of \$75,759
- 3 Returning Applicants
 - Allied Churches of Alamance County: ES for ALL OF REGION 6
 - Central Pines Regional Council (Triangle J Council of Governments): SO for CHATHAM, HMIS
 - * Central Piedmont Community Action: RRH for ALL OF REGION 6, HMIS – Late Application
- No Red Flags in Regional Review Form

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Allied Churches of Alamance Co	\$0	\$49,666	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,666
Central Pines Regional Council	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	0	\$2,500	\$22,500
Central Piedmont Community Action	\$0	\$0	\$114,733	\$0	\$2,500	\$117,233
Total						\$189,399

Region 7 - \$363,532 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications Under Fair Share amount by \$95,059
- Under 60% Emergency Response Cap \$218,119 by (\$95,119)
- Achieved Housing Stability minimum of \$145,413
- 4 Returning Applicants
 - Friend to Friend: ES for ALL REGION 7, HMIS
 - SAFE of Harnett Co.: ES for HARNETT
 - HAVEN in Lee Co: ES for LEE
 - Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action: RRH for ALL REGION 7
- No Red Flags in Regional Review Form

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Friend to Friend	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
SAFE of Harnett Co	\$0	\$43,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,000
HAVEN in Lee Co	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
Johnston, Lee, Harnett CA	\$0	\$0	\$145,473	\$0	\$0	\$145,473
Total						\$268,473

Region 8 - \$160,971 Fair Share

Overview:

- Application Met Fair Share @ \$160,971
- Met 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$96,582
- Achieved Housing Stability Minimum of \$64,387
- 1 Returning Applicant
 - Southeastern Family Violence Center: ES for ALL REGION 8, RRH for ALL REGION 8, HMIS
- No Red Flags in Regional Review Form

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Southeastern Family Violence Center	\$0	\$34,971	\$125,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$160,971
Total						\$160,971

Region 9 - \$220,194 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications Under Fair Share by \$60,194
- Over 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$132,117 by \$27,883
- No Housing Stability Project Application, did not meet Housing Stability Minimum – of \$88,077
- Total of \$145,194 in funds left unallocated.
- 1 Returning Applicant
 - Hand Up Ministries: ES for EDGECOMBE & NASH
- 1 New Applicant
 - The Renaissance House: SO for HALIFAX, NORTHAMPTON, WARREN
- No Red Flags in Regional Review Form

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Hand Up Ministries	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
The Renaissance House	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total						\$75,000

Region 10 - \$233,346 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications Under Fair Share by \$4,626
- Under 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$140,008 - NO Project Applicants
- Achieved Housing Stability Minimum of \$93,338
- 2 Returning Applicants
 - Wilson County Interfaith Services, Inc. dba Hope Station: RRH for WILSON, HP for WILSON, HMIS
 - Greene Lamp: RRH & HP for ALL REGION 10 except WILSON
- No Red Flags in Regional Review Form

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Wilson County Interfaith Services, Inc.	\$0	\$0	\$78,072	\$16,400	\$5,000	\$99,472
Greene Lamp	\$0	\$0	\$106,208	\$27,666	\$0	\$133,874
Total						\$233,346

Region 11 - \$97,815 Fair Share

Overview:

- Application At Fair Share
- 60% Emergency Response Cap met at \$58,689
- Housing Stability minimum met at \$39,126
- 1 Returning Applicant
 - River City Community Development: RRH, ES
 - Red Flags in Regional Review Form – collected via a survey – applicant has recently received Technical Assistance

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
River City CDC	\$0	\$58,689	\$39,126	\$0	\$0	\$97,815
Total						\$97,815

Region 12 - \$158,880 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications met Fair Share
- Under 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$95,328 by \$9,733
- Met Housing Stability minimum of \$68,285
- 1 New Applicant
 - Open Door Community Center: ES
- 2 Returning Applicants
 - Center for Family Violence Prevention: ES, HMIS
 - Pitt County Planning: RRH
- No Red Flags in Regional Review Form.

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Pitt County Planning Dept.	\$0	\$0	\$68,285	\$0	\$0	\$68,285
Open Door Community Center	\$0	*\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	*\$20,000
Center for Family Violence Prevention	\$0	\$65,595	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$70,595
Total						\$158,880

Region 13 - \$132,961 Fair Share

Overview:

- Applications Over Fair Share amount by \$134,073.40
- Over 60% Emergency Response Cap of \$79,777 by \$91,526.20
- Met Housing Stability minimum of \$53,184
- 1 New Applicant
 - Williams Outreach & Consulting, Inc.: SO, RRH, HP – LATE APPLICATION
- 2 Returning Applicants
 - Onslow Community Outreach: ES, RRH
 - Carteret County Domestic Violence Program: ES
- Red Flags noted in Regional Review Form for Onslow Community Outreach – Agency recently received Technical Assistance.

Agency	SO	ES	RRH	HP	HMIS	Total
Carteret Co DV Program	\$0	\$28,660	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,660
Onslow Community Outreach	\$0	\$51,117	\$53,184	\$0	\$0	\$104,301
Williams Outreach and Consulting, Inc.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total						\$132,961

The PRC recommends the presented ESG Program Application Slate to the Steering Committee for approval.

Melissa Hewitt motioned to approve the CY2025 ESG Application slate recommended by the NC BoS CoC Project Review Committee. Karen Carroll seconded the motion. Excluding those who abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest, the vote was passed unanimously.

Next Steps and Timeline:

Date	Activity
August 6	Applicant notifications
August 9 by 12 PM	Appeals due
August 12 at 1:00 PM	PRC appeals meeting, if needed
August 13 at 10:30 AM	Steering Committee appeals meeting, if needed
August 26 by 5 PM	ESG applications due to NC DHHS

In-Person Steering Committee Debrief

The CoC held an in-person Steering Committee meeting on June 26th focused on governance. Staff extended a thank you to all CoC stakeholders who attended the meeting.

- 18 diverse stakeholders from across the CoC attended the meeting in Burlington, including:
 - LEAC members
 - At-large members
 - Regional Leads & Regional Lead Alternates
 - CE Leads
 - Representatives of SO, ES, RRH, & PSH projects

The goal of the meeting was to evaluate & understand the CoC's current governance & identify opportunities to change current structures to enhance the NC Balance of State CoC's ability to end homelessness.

Staff guided attendees through a series of questions on potential changes to essential infrastructure. Attendees focused on potential changes to the way the CoC conducts business through its Steering Committee & Regional Committees.

- Divided into three small groups
- Focused on the goal of 'how do we best end homelessness?'
- Used local experience to inform discussions but committed to thinking about what was best for the entire CoC
- Groups did report outs, prompting more discussion

Attendees developed potential direction for changes to the Steering Committee. Small groups discussed & brainstormed ideas in response to questions about the Steering Committee.

- What if we changed the frequency of Steering Committee meetings?
- How should Steering Committee agendas change to make fewer meetings more substantive?
- What enhanced role might subcommittees/workgroups play to support the new structure of the Steering Committee?
- How would the CoC handle approval of business with less meeting frequency?
- What ways could staff & Regional Committee leadership share relevant & timely information with stakeholders normally conveyed at Steering Committee meetings?
- How can we maximize Steering Committee member attendance?

During report outs, several similar ideas emerged about how the Steering Committee structure might change.

- Hold quarterly Steering Committee meetings – 2 virtual/2 in-person
 - Potential rotation around the CoC for in-person meetings with virtual option
 - Shorter ad hoc meetings added for competitions
 - Other approvals happen electronically through email votes

- Schedule meetings two years in advance
- Reduce 'live' information sharing & increase strategic conversations
 - Offer presentations from members on emerging practices & challenges
 - Create infrastructure to disseminate vital information in new, more effective ways
- Rely more heavily on subcommittees to provide updates & questions for members to discuss
 - Engage more stakeholders/members to join subcommittees
 - Restructure/add new subcommittees to oversee strategic initiatives
- Offer mileage/gas reimbursement, lunch, hosting opportunities, hotel blocks at reduced rates, incentives, or others to induce members to attend in-person
 - NCCEH will need to look at its budget to see what opportunities exist for reimbursement & incentives
- Change dates of the leadership transition from calendar year to October-September
 - Allow for more robust onboarding of Steering Committee members
 - Build resource library & training suites to help members & other Regional Committee leaders stepping into CoC leadership

Attendees developed potential direction for changes to Regional Committees. Small groups discussed & brainstormed ideas in response to questions about Regional Committees.

- What do Regional Committees need to fully function & be more impactful?
- How can we better cultivate interest in people to become leaders & how should CoC staff support them to understand & fulfill their roles?
- What role would you like CoC staff to play in Regional Committees to support local work & initiatives?
- What needs to change to make Regional Committees more engaging to build sustained participation from agencies not currently at the table?
- What topics do Regional Committees need to be talking about more regularly?
- How can Regional Committee stakeholders hold one another accountable to CoC & local priorities? What resources do they need?
- How can Regional Committees keep the focus on ending homelessness as opposed to just providing services?
- How should Regional Committees increase the diversity of voices, decrease disparities for marginalized populations, & invite participation of people with lived experience?

During report outs, several similar ideas emerged on which Regional Committees might focus to improve their impact.

- Increase NCCEH staff time at Regional Committee meetings
 - Provide updates & important information
 - Help devise agendas focused on strategy & addressing challenges
 - Assist with recruitment of & training leadership, succession planning
- Focus agendas on collaborative conversations with actionable steps
 - Identify challenges & discuss potential solutions

- Build buy-in & commitments to initiatives & strategies
- Highlight & build on agency strengths – invite members to present successful practices
- Build stronger leadership with clear succession planning
 - Develop a CoC orientation for Regional Committee leaders
 - Create a succession plan & pair with a mentoring system
 - Involve CoC staff to support new & existing leaders
- Enhance Regional Committee meeting agendas to discuss strategy & solutions
 - Develop a bank of subjects/conversations that Regional Committees can pull into agendas
 - Engage members in discussions & get commitments
 - Solicit members on what discussions to have
- Increase engagement from under-represented geographic areas & populations & nontraditional partners
 - Develop an engagement subcommittee
 - Brainstorm & identify agencies/people at meetings; report back progress
- Hold one another accountable
 - Set context with presentations on Client Bill of Rights, CoC policies, grievances, etc.
 - Develop common goals & practices; discuss regularly
 - Bring NCCEH staff liaison into challenging conversations
 - Discuss data on a regular basis
- Increase diversity
 - Create a regional Lived Experience Advisory Council
 - Provide opportunities for individuals to tell their stories

Potential next steps:

- Begin drafting changes to the Governance Charter for members to review & discuss at an upcoming Steering Committee meeting
- Develop a resource list from suggestions
- Create a timeline for potential changes

Day 1 Families Fund Request for Proposals

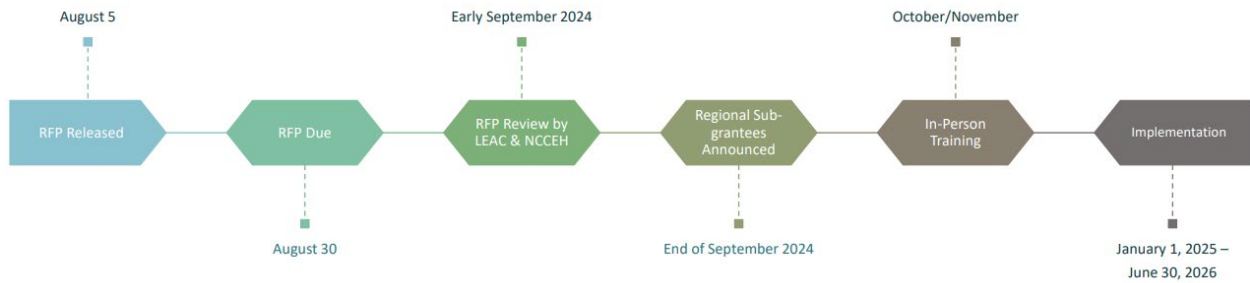
In 2020, NCCEH was awarded a \$1.25 Million 5-year grant from the [Bezos Day 1 Families Fund](#). The agency has sub-granted funds to providers in the NC BoS CoC to serve families with children facing homelessness to help them regain stable housing through diversion and rapid rehousing. NCCEH is shifting directions in 2024 to fund NC BoS Regional Committees.

Every NC BoS CoC Regional Committee is eligible to apply. Two to four NC BoS CoC regions will be awarded.

- \$100,000 - \$200,000 disbursement grant per region

- 18-month grant cycle: January 2025 – June 2026

Application materials are posted at <https://www.ncceh.org/bos/regionalcommittee/> under “2024 Day 1 Families Fund Regional RFP.”



Karen Carroll, LEAC co-chair and Steering Committee member, shared that she has accepted an invitation to join the 2024-25 National Low Income Housing Coalition Tenant Leaders Cohort.

Upcoming meetings & reminders

- **Lived Expertise Advisory Council**, *Friday, August 9, 12 – 1 P.M.*
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
 Meeting ID: 579 903 9481
 Passcode: qYqVY5
- **Coordinated Entry Council**, *Monday, August 19, 10 – 11:30 A.M.*
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
 Meeting ID: 848 4039 7905
- **Racial Equity Subcommittee**, *Wednesday, August 21, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.*
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
 Meeting ID: 832 6483 8597

Next Steering Committee meeting(s):

[TENTATIVE] Tuesday, August 13 at 10:30 A.M.

Tuesday, September 10 at 10:30 A.M.