



**The Continuum of Care
For the City and County of Racine, U.A.**

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From: Ron Thomas, President
Pam Handrow, Chair, Resource Development Committee
Gai Lorenzen, HALO, Collaborative Applicant

The rating and ranking committee has met and made the following decisions regarding CoC applications. Gai Lorenzen who represents the Collaborative Applicant – HALO- also had projects that were submitted and was not present and did not participate in the rating meeting. Gai’s name has been added to this notification after being informed of the committee’s decisions and because it is required by HUD that notification come from the CoC and CA. Iraida Vazquez who is employed by the Institute for Community Alliances was present at the meeting to assist us with the rating/ranking tool. The committee acknowledged that HMIS and Coordinated Entry should be reviewed separately from housing and SSO submitted projects. The committee also agreed that both are crucial to the CoC and should be ranked #1 and #2. She did not take part in the decisions and was only present to assist with the rating/ranking tool. No other organization submitting an application took part in the rating meeting. This written notification confirms discussions that have already taken place with each applicant following the meeting. The committee also utilized data provided by the Women’s Resource Center that was generated from Osnium and manually collected. The committee also considered the unique needs of households who are fleeing or have recently experienced domestic abuse.

The following **Renewal Projects will be funded** in the amounts requested and as submitted to the CoC. Based on a review of the applications these will not be amended back unless upon Collaborative Applicant review there are changes that need to be made that do not materially change the application.

1. ICA HMIS (Ranked 1)
2. WRC Purple Ribbon Project (Ranked 3)

3. CVI PSH/Racine (College Avenue) (Ranked 5)
4. HOPES RRH 1, RRH 2, and RRH 3 (RRH 1 Ranked 7, RRH 2 Ranked 4, RRH 3 Ranked 8)
5. HALO PSH 3 – It is recommended that if HALO is going to re-allocate funds from projects that were rejected (4) that this be amended back and all 5 PSH renewal and 1 new PSH projects be combined so that 1 large project can be created. This project is performing well.

The following **Renewal Projects were rejected** by the committee. Discussion has taken place with both HALO and RVM, and both are agreeing to re-allocate funds. The CA has been notified to reject these in the application in the application in esnaps.

1. HALO – PSH 1, PSH 2, Collaborative 2010 Application (a/k/a PSH 4), and PSH 5 Rejected based on unit utilization threshold. All projects are performing in an acceptable manner except utilization rate. Discussion with Executive Director to re-allocate and propose a large project which will likely utilize units/beds in a more efficient manner, but will continue to otherwise perform at the same rate (possibly better) than current units. The new project will be able to target units/beds according to the priorities designated by the CoC.
2. RVM – SSO - Rejected based on status as a SSO and discussion with Executive Director to re-allocate and utilize other funding streams to cover services that will be “lost”. It is agreed that the services are very valuable and crucial to the CoC, but that funds should be diverted to other needs at this time – housing and coordinated entry.

The following **new projects** have been accepted.

1. CVI – Operation Turnaround – Approved but will be amended back to change requested amount to amount of **CoC Bonus** - \$90,477 (Ranked 9)
2. ICA – Coordinated Entry – Approved but will be amended back to increase amount of request to cover a .5 FTE. Funds will come from RVM and HALO re-allocations. ICA to notify HALO of total amount and HALO should use remaining allocated funds to create a large PH project. (Ranked 2)
3. HALO – PSH 6, which we understand is being renamed A Place of My Own Housing Initiative since PSH 1-5 will no longer be operational, is approved and will be amended back for revisions. As there are no other applicants for these funds, and the CoC finds HALO to be a qualified applicant, HALO should use the balance of funds re-allocated from HALO projects 1 – 5 and RVM less the amount required by ICA to fund a CE project at .5 FTE. This will increase the total funds to over \$400,000. The committee also believes that the change in leadership at HALO that has took place on March 1 will also increase the efficiency and performance of these projects. Gai Lorenzen, former Managing Attorney at Legal Action which was the CA and former CoC President, joined HALO as the Executive Director and agreed to take on the CA role since Legal Action no longer wishes that role. (Ranked 6)