



2024 Home4Good Application
Northern Panhandle Continuum of Care

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE NPCoC LEAD AGENCY DIRECTOR katie.hughes@wheelingwv.gov by July 17th 2024
For questions, please contact Katie Hughes at 681-327-2732

***Please review instructions and important grant information attached to this application prior to applying**

1. Agency Name: _____
Address: _____

Service Area: _____
2. Contact Person: _____
Telephone: _(_____)_____-_____ Email: _____
3. Project Name: _____
4. Program Activity: _____ (RRH, Prevention, etc.)
5. Expected Individuals Served: _____
6. Total Amount Requested: \$_____ Hard Costs: \$_____ Soft Costs: \$_____

In determining the amount requested, please note that the allocation for the entire Northern Panhandle CoC is \$158,873.88 which includes \$29,108.43 that must be used for hard cost projects.

7. Brief Description of Program Activity (1-3 sentences) Descriptions should include specific uses.

8. Brief description of how funds will be used within 12 months of approval.

9. Please attach a more detailed, narrative description of the project not to exceed 250 words.

By submitting this application, I certify that the above entity is eligible to receive Home4Good funds and that the project meets or exceeds the minimum requirements for funding. I further agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this funding opportunity should this project be funded.

Authorized signature*: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

***NOTE it is extremely important that the person signing the application has the authority to sign on behalf of the organization. Along with this application, please submit a copy of the By Laws and a Resolution which states the name of the person who has the authority to sign and the permission to submit the application for funding. Applications submitted without this documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for funding.**

II. APPLICATION PROCESS

Home4Good is a collaborative initiative between the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (FHLBank Pittsburgh) and the West Virginia Housing Development Fund (WVHDF) to provide grant funds to help those who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness. Funding is offered annually to Continuums of Care and service organizations serving the homeless.

Grant applications will be submitted and considered under the following process;

1. CoCs will be responsible for identifying and selecting projects in their service area who are in need of funding. CoCs must identify and select projects in a diverse and equitable manner so as to benefit families and individuals which is appropriate for the demographic makeup of the geographic area served. CoCs should submit projects who are most in need of funding, according to the CoC's strategic priorities.
2. CoCs will submit an "Application Package" which includes a completed and signed PDF "CoC Block Grant Application" and an Excel "Worksheet of Projects" to WVHDF and FHLBank Pittsburgh by the Home4Good deadline, July 31, 2024 to home4good@fhlbpggh.com and dmartino@wvhdf.com.
 - a. "Worksheet of Projects" will be prepopulated with the CoC's specific hard cost and soft cost allocations. Requested projects must match the total allocations listed.
3. FHLBank Pittsburgh and WVHDF will review the application package and select award recipients, to be announced on or before December 31, 2024. WVHDF will contract with the selected Continuums of Care to disburse funds. CoCs will then be responsible to distribute funds to selected projects.
4. Home4Good CoCs will report semi-annually to WVHDF on the overall impact and use of funds for all awarded projects.

For their role in reviewing and coordinating recommendations and completing Application Packages, Continuums of Care can be compensated up to five percent (5%) of the total amount approved in their district. There are no reporting requirements for the CoC compensation funds. Those awarded funds are to be used by the CoC as they see fit.

2024 Timeline

Home4Good Grant Applications Released

June 3

CoC Block Grant Application and Worksheet of Projects Due to FHLBank and WVHDF **July 31**

Home4Good Awards Announcement

On or Before December 31

III. PROGRAM INFORMATION

Home4Good is designed to support projects, programs or activities in West Virginia that lead to stable housing for individuals and families who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. To be eligible for funding consideration, each project submitted must address one of the following program goals.

- Prevention and/or Diversion: Projects, programs or activities that assist households seeking to avoid homelessness by maintaining their current housing situation or being diverted to alternative options.
- Innovative Solutions: Projects, programs or activities that provide innovative solutions that seek to end homelessness.
- Critical Need: Any project, program or activity serving homeless individuals and families that is determined to be critically needed by the relevant community or CoC area entity for the Region/County.

Eligible Organizations:

In 2024, block grant applications are submitted by CoCs on behalf of eligible organizations. Eligible organizations are those that provide services which prevent and/or reduce homelessness in West Virginia. Eligible organizations include, but are not limited to:

- Units of local government (counties, cities, boroughs, townships, town and home rule municipalities),
- Nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations,
- Redevelopment and/or housing authorities,
- Health care providers focused on health equity and/or homelessness prevention programming,
- Economic and community development organizations, housing corporations, etc.

Eligible Funding Activities:

Eligible activities for Home4Good funded programs may include, but are not limited to:

- Homeless outreach.
- Housing models designed to serve youth.
- Eviction prevention and homeless diversion support including providing security deposits, rent/utility assistance, employment/transportation assistance, gift cards for groceries, etc.
- Landlord engagement and outreach to increase availability and access to affordable rental units
- Non-time-limited supportive housing.

- Support Services for households experiencing homelessness. This includes screening and intake done through the Coordinated Entry process, as well as employment assistance (skill development, job training, etc.), and recovery support for individuals and families.
- Coordinated entry support/capacity building.
- Transitional housing to facilitate the movement of individuals and families to permanent housing.
- Rapid re-housing that provides housing coupled with supportive services.
- System enhancements and/or operating expenses related to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to increase capacity, expand services, and/or improve the ability to serve clients.
- Flexible funding to improve the CoC/community's ability to end homelessness. This may be through system changes, new partnerships, a particular type of intervention or targeting a particular sub-population.
- Development and/or rehabilitation of housing for homeless individuals or families (ex: shelters, transitional housing, permanent housing)

Projects/programs that receive funding through the 2024-2025 Home4Good program are required to serve households who are either homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. Homeless is defined as follows:

- Persons who are sleeping in places not meant for human habitation (e.g., cars, parks, streets/sidewalks, etc.),
- Persons sleeping in emergency shelters,
- Persons graduating from a transitional housing program specifically for homeless persons,
- Persons being discharged from an institution or foster care with no permanent residence available,
- Persons who would be discharged from an institution if there was a permanent residence available,
- Displaced victims of domestic violence, or
- Persons who are "doubled-up" and are in a situation of overcrowding, which is defined as:

Unit Occupancy – for purposes of determining overcrowding:

- Efficiency - 3 or more people
- 1 Bedroom - 4 or more people
- 2 Bedrooms - 6 or more people
- 3 Bedrooms - 8 or more people
- 4 Bedrooms - 10 or more people

FHLBank Pittsburgh Member Financial Institution Participation

Home4Good applications must be supported by a FHLBank Pittsburgh member financial institution to qualify for funding. FHLBank Pittsburgh will coordinate and collect member coapplicant forms on behalf of applicants.

While your CoC is not required to garner FHLBank Member support of your projects, if there is no support of a specific project, it cannot be awarded funds

Compliance and Reporting

CoCs will be required to collect data from the service providers and complete and submit a semiannual progress report to report on the impact, accomplishments, and overall use of funds until all awarded funds are expended. A final close-out report must be provided to WVHDF within 30 days of the final expenditure of Home4Good funds.

If service providers are not in compliance with current reporting requirements, approval for funding could be impacted.

All grantees will be expected to report on a set of core metrics and, if applicable, performance metrics, as outlined below. Any grantees currently participating in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) will be required to provide HMIS data to WVHDF.

Core metrics required for all Home4Good grantees include:

- Number of individuals served.
- Demographic data on age, gender identity and race.
- Geographic dispersion of services (urban vs. rural).
- Number of Veterans served (if captured/disclosed).
- Number of ex-offenders served (if captured/disclosed).
- Number of individuals identifying themselves as a victim of domestic violence, person with a disability, or person with a substance abuse issue (if captured/disclosed).

Performance metrics include, but are not limited to:

- Reduction in the number of individuals experiencing homelessness, including Veterans, those experiencing chronic homelessness, families, unaccompanied or parenting youth, individuals, and those unsheltered.
- Reduction in the length of time individuals remain homeless.
- Reduction in the extent to which individuals, who exit homelessness to permanent housing destinations, return to homelessness.
- Increase in access to jobs and income among individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Reduction in the number of individuals who become homeless for the first time.

- Increase in successful housing placement.