2019 Iowa Balance of State (IA-501) Continuum of Care (CoC) Grantee Renewal Application

APPLICANT NAME AND INFORMATION

Organization Name:	Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc.
Renewal Project Name:	Eastern Iowa Rapid Rehousing II
Project Name(s) as appearing in HMIS/DVIMS:	HACAP- Eastern Iowa Rapid Rehousing 2
Grant Identifier:	IA0101L7D011802
Project Type:	Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
Projected number of clients to be served in renewal grant period:	11
Anticipated Renewal Amount:	51766.00
Verify current registration in federal System for Award Management:	Yes
DUNS #:	39311399
Counties Served by Project:	Johnson
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THRESHOLD ASSURANCES

Having too little or no income:	NOT a Barrier

Having a criminal record with exceptions for state, and/or federal restrictions:	NOT a Barrier
Fleeing domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement):	NOT a Barrier
Having (or not having) a previous address within Iowa:	NOT a Barrier
Failure to comply with HUD's 2016 Gender Identity Rule: (https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/)	NOT a Barrier
Failure to comply with Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Requirements including assuring non-discrimination on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex/gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and familial status and disability.	NOT a Barrier
Attach project Policies & Procedures to verify barrier statuses selected above:	https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3367170/74759947/510804380/74759947_rapid_rehousing_prioritzation_of_assistance.docx

CONTINUUM OF CARE PARTICIPATION

1. a. What percentage of your clients served do you feel were referred through coordinated entry? Explain your response.	About 6% of clients were referred though coordinated entry. The grant period started prior to coordinated entry being live in the Johnson/Washington region. When the region did become live with the pull list the project was almost at full capacity. HACAP was able to pull one individual off the list at the end of 2018.
1. b. Describe timeline/progress of Coordinated Entry in your region. Explain your project's participation in Coordinated Entry and the steps taken to support the Coordinated Entry process in the project's region.	The Johnson/Washington CSR went live in the summer of 2018. HACAP participated immediately in the pull list meetings. HACAP has been participating weekly when spots are open in our Johnson County housing programs. The pull list meetings are held at Shelter House, HACAP usually participates via phone. In additional Dusty Noble worked with Shelter House, DVIP, and the VA in the initial development of the system as a member of the Coordinated Entry subgroup on the Johnson County Local Homeless Coordinating Board. That group also continues to meet monthly to discuss system improvements.

2. Since January 2018, have representatives of your project attended at least three bimonthly meetings of the Iowa Council on Homelessness? Note that anyone can participate in Council meetings even if not a voting member. Posted meeting minutes must be available to verify attendance.

Yes, Heather Harney and David Hagen have been attending ICH meetings historically and over the last year.

Three of these dates include:
November 16th, 2018
April 4th, 2019
May 17th, 2019

3. a. Describe professional development opportunities (conferences, meeting, trainings, webinars, etc.) related to Homelessness in which representatives of your project have participated within the last 12 months.

HUD Peer to Peer- Des Moines, June 13-14
HUD field office reviewed specific requirements of CoC and ESG grants, topics regarding rural outreach, coordinated entry, and veterans were also relevant
Heather Harney, Jordan Dumolien, Rachel Carter, Nicole Wise

VA Homeless webinars (monthly)
Different topics ranging from suicide prevention, mental health, community collaboration, shared housing, system mapping, etc are discussed monthly on webinars
Heather, Rachel

Rapid Rehousing Institute- San Diego, October 16-18
Different techniques and solutions to the affordable housing crisis were discussed and debated. The VA and HUD spoke about their views on ending homelessness and how all programs can work together to achieve results.
Heather

Rapid Resolution Meetings-various dates in Chicago
Learning out the future of VA and HUD's homeless diversion plans and how to plan community coordination around diversion and coordinated entry.
Heather, Rachel, Ginger, Debbie

3. b. From the mentioned above, list the top three (3) most useful experiences and describe how your project implemented information gained from them?

1. Rapid Resolution Meetings

Although sponsored by the VA for use in VA homeless programs the experience was very useful to begin to think about how HUD may adopt these principles in the near future for CoC and ESG programs. How diversion techniques can be more robust in coordinated entry systems is something that regions and the Balance of State CoC should be looking at in the future.

2. Rapid Rehousing Institute

At the rapid rehousing institute HACAP's programs started looking for at long term housing sustainability for the clients that are placed in units and like about using shared housing and other techniques to assist with housing stability. HACAP has used practices in its current RRH programs.

3. HUD Peer to Peer

After attending the HUD Peer to Peer, updates to policies and procedures were made to all HACAP rapid rehousing programs. Also networking and asking questions to HUD representatives and other providers was extremely useful in program design.

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4. a. In the past year, describe your agency's activities/engagement/involvement with one or more local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) about implementing a homeless admission preference in their written policies for the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) or Public Housing programs:

HACAP works with the City of Iowa City PHA to house individuals with vouchers in our affordable housing units in the community. The city already uses homelessness status in determining priority for Housing Choice Vouchers. In addition Shelter House has worked with the PHA for vouchers for its new Cross Park housing complex. The city has been open to partnering with homeless providers as the know housing affordability in Iowa City has continued to be out of reach for many low income families. HACAP will work with Shelter House to bring forth other ideas to the city regarding voucher prioritization or incorporating available vouchers in the prioritization list.

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4. b. In the past year, describe your agency's activities/engagement/involvement with local affordable housing providers (e.g. multifamiliy assisted housing owners, PHAs, Low Income Housing Tax Cedit developments, or local low-income housing programs) about implementing a Move On strategy (Informational resource: https://www.csh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Moving-On-Chapter-6-Final.pdf):

The Eastern Iowa area has very little CoC funded permanent supportive housing at this time to implement the strategy. Programs are just beginning to come online in the area. Discussions in the communities at this time are limited to work with the PHAs and local low income housing providers. Shelter House has taken the lead on this initiative in the Johnson County area with its work on the Cross Park permanent supportive housing for frequent users development. HACAP worked with Shelter House in identifying individuals who qualify for the housing development and makes active referrals. HACAP will work with Shelter House over the next year to see how the agency can be of more assistance to the initiative.

5. In the past year , to what extent has your agency taken steps locally to educate communities on the issues of homelessness: (e.g. decriminalization of homelessness engaging local policymakers, law enforcement, or business leaders; implementing community plan)?	HACAP staff participate for the Community Connections Day in Iowa City. This occurs every fall as a community outreach and educational event on homelessness in the Johnson County area. The event is open to all community members and specific services are targeted to members who are homeless. Staff also attend the Day of the Hill in Des Moines every year and engage local policy makers regarding homeless services and needs in their communities. HACAP publishes best practices in the field and other homeless advocacy information on its social media and educates the agency board on barriers for those in the community who are homeless and affordable housing issues in the community. Heather Harney also spoke to the North Liberty City Council regarding homelessness in Johnson County during National Hunger and Homelessness week.
6. In the past year, to what extent has your agency taken steps locally to prevent the discharge of persons from local systems of care (foster care, health care, mental health care, correctional facilities) into homelessness?	HACAP housing staff have worked with the social workers at both Mercy and University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. HACAP has affordable housing units that are prioritized in the community for those that are homeless. HACAP has worked with the both corrections and the health care system to get applications to them for individuals they feel make be exiting into a homeless situation. This partnership has resulted in 3 households that would have been homeless placed directly into permanent housing with HACAP after discharge.
7. a. Did your agency participate in the street (unsheltered) count in counties served by your project and how?	Yes, Debbie Wells participated in the Johnson/Washington CSR PIT street count. HACAP collaborated with Shelter House so all counties in the CSR were covered in a street count. Debbie worked with a VA representation and conducted the street count in Washington County, Iowa.
7. b. Did your agency submit the PIT/HIC information for your projects by the set submission deadline? If not, why?	Yes
8. List at least one representative of your project participate in the April 2019 Annual Meeting of Iowa Balance of State CoC Grantees. Describe any special participation your agency performed in regards to the meeting.	Heather Harney participated in the April 2019 CoC Annual meeting. She asked questions and gave feedback regarding the application and process.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

9. a. Has this project completed it's first grant full grant cycle? (i.e. 1st year renewal with end date after application date?)	Yes
9. b. Project grant year end-date completed:	Dec 31, 2018

9. c. Grant amount:	47938.00
9. d. Total funds expended:	47938.00
9. e. Funds remaining (unexpended funds):	0.00
9. f. Unexpended funds % (unexpended funds/grant amount):	0.00
APR Sage Submission Requirement (days)	90
APR Deadline in SAGE:	Mar 31, 2019
10. a. Date APR submitted to HUD in SAGE:	Mar 31, 2019
10. b. Did your project meet the 90-day requirement?	Yes
11. a. Has HUD monitored the project within the past two years?	No
12. a. Failure to participate in supportive services and/or failure to make progress on a service plan:	No
12. b. Loss of income or failure to improve income:	No
12. c. Active substance abuse:	No
12. d. Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project's geographic area:	No
12. e. Ensure that every effort is made to help participants transition to other housing options when continuation in this project is jeopardized or about to expire?	Yes
12. f. Attach the project's written termination policy. The effective date must be evident on the policy.	https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3367170/74776944/510804380/74776944_termination_policy.docx
13. a. Transportation assistance is provided to clients to attend mainstream benefit appointments, employment training, or jobs.	True

13. b. At least semi-annual follow-ups are attempted with participants after project exit to ensure that mainstream benefits are received and renewed (and for RRH projects, to verify that housing stability is maintained) for a period of X years.	True
13. c. Annual interim reviews with current clients are being completed with 30 days of anniversary date to check on client well-being and update all relevent data including: income, disability status, health care, etc.	True
13. d. Project participants have access to SSI/SSDI technical assistance provided by the applicant, a sub-recipient, or partner agency.	True
14. Did the number of clients served by your project achieve or exceed your estimated levels of service when you last applied/renewed this grant? Explain, success/difficulties.	Yes, HACAP exceed the amount of clients at last application. The project anticipated serving 11 clients and 18 were served by the program. HACAP continues to estimate that a few additional clients will be served by the project each year than projected at application. Unlike Linn and other surrounding counties Johnson County does have a stricter rental market and a majority of the time the project pays fair market for units. This results in less cost savings and fewer clients served each year than in the surrounding communities.

PROJECT PERFORMANCE/EVALUATION

Attach "2019 BOS CoC Renewal Application Report" from HMIS/DVIMS	https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3367170/74778606/510804380/74778606_2019_bos_coc_renewal_rrh_2.pdf
20. RRH/PSH: Is the total exit destination error less than 10%?	With so few adults who exited the program in the first year (6), 2 clients who disappeared after entry resulted in a high destination error rate. HACAP worked with Shelter House and other community partners to try and identify where clients may have disappear to with little success.

BONUS QUESTION

*Bonus - Describe any specific services provided by your project specifically for youth/mental health/substance abuse:

HACAP's prioritization policy specifies that our rapid rehousing programs will enroll those with the highest VI-SPDAT score if the intervention service they scored for is not available. As a consequence a vast majority of those enrolled in HACAP's rapid rehousing programs have scored for a PSH intervention and have either mental health and/or substance abuse disorder. Although HACAP does not provide these services directly the partnerships with local hospitals, mental health providers, and substance abuse providers has grown substantially over the last 2 years. HACAP hopes to continue to develop and strengthen these partnerships for the benefit of the homeless population over the next year.