



TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Mariliegh Fisher, Housing Director
Community Housing Initiatives

DATE: October 8, 2015

RE: APPEAL OF REALLOCATING MONEY FROM THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Per the notice from Amber Lewis on October 1, 2015, I am appealing the decision to reallocate dollars from the Transitional Housing program.

I am asking the Executive Committee to allow at least \$15,700 to remain in the program instead of being reallocated. This amount (\$15,700) is based on the dollar amount CHI contributed to the program this past year. These funds came from participants paying a portion of their rent. This additional amount does not appear on the APR because HUD changed their match rules last year and will not allow us to report these funds as match. As you are likely aware, we are only allowed to show the amount of money drawn from HUD and the in-kind or cash match on the APR. Because we had to use the \$15,700 prior to drawing down funds from HUD and because we are no longer able to count these funds as match, it skews the reporting and inaccurately reflects the actual dollars spent on the program. If these funds are reallocated as the committee has recommended, it will put the program in dire straits/a bad situation.

In addition, I have been working with HUD for several months to amend our grant so we can spend dollars in the operating category. Again because HUD changed what can be included in the operating category, we have been put in an undesirable position. I am confident we will eventually receive an amendment, and will be able to spend additional dollars; however HUD has been slow to move. We have done everything we can to spend funds legitimately.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your response.