**Addenda II**

**Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust**

**Request for Applications**

**Response to written questions**

Just confirming that the funding is $1M a year for three years and not $1M over three years for HP/RRH?

The solicitation is seeking to provide $1 million annually in funding for Homeless Prevention (HP) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH).

Can funds be utilized to pay first, last, deposit or double deposit for individuals who have vouchers that do not cover these costs or incentivize landlords, through double deposit, to accept a voucher?

RRH funds can be utilized to pay up to two months of security deposit. This benefit can be extended to individuals who have vouchers that do not cover security deposits. Additionally, RRH funds can be utilized for Case Management, utility deposits and moving costs. RRH funds cannot pay for first or last month’s rent when the recipient has a voucher because the voucher will already cover those costs.

I read that respondents must accept referrals from Camillus House’s Homeless Prevention Helpline Operators and the Miami-Dade Office of Housing Advocacy. Would we be required to accept referrals for applicants that are homeless or residing in areas outside of Miami Beach?

Yes, Homeless Prevention referrals will come from the Homeless Prevention (HP) helpline operated by Camillus House and the Miami-Dade Office of Housing Advocacy, but that does not prevent you from serving someone who meets the criteria set forth in our standards of care. Yes, for HP you cannot just serve persons from Miami Beach, it’s intended to be a county-wide program. Remember there is also Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) available, those referrals will come from Carlos Laso, the Homeless Trust Housing Coordinator. You can apply a preference for Miami Beach in your RRH application, but you will have to serve persons from the balance of the county if we do not identify appropriate clients from the Beach.

As an outreach agency, would we also be able to assist clients that contact us directly for the service? Homeless Prevention referrals will come from the Homeless Prevention (HP) line and Miami-Dade Office of Housing Advocacy, but that does not prevent you from serving someone who meets the criteria set forth in our standards of care.

Are all outreach assessments required to be forwarded to the Homeless Trust for approval or would we have an approval scale to determine eligibility?

The RRH assessment is designed to help you select persons who would be a good fit for short-term rental assistance. You do not have to share the assessment, remember, it will be in HMIS and we can see it, but we are not approving the assessment, we will be making the referral based on your recommendation for RRH.

As an outreach agency that typically deals with clients that are literally homeless, could we apply for HP funds for clients that contact us prior to losing residency, or is this strictly for agencies that already provide HP, such as Camillus?

Yes, your outreach and social service team can refer someone at risk of homelessness to Camillus (or directly to whomever is awarded these funds). You can refer to Camillus via the helpline or referrals can be made through a referral agreement you strike with Camillus or the recipients of these funds.

If we choose not to apply, would we be able work directly with and refer applicants to other agencies who are funded for these activities, or would we send referrals to the Trust for disbursement to other agencies?

Yes, your outreach and social service team can complete the RRH assessment, ask Carlos Laso to make the referral to any available RRH project, and you can help the client with the application and housing search process.

Do you have any page limits you would like us to follow?

No

Where would you like the proposed activities to go within the document?

Question #3, page 4 of the *Attachment 2 Application Form*.

The RFA materials emailed on 4/25 does not appear to match the version that is located on the “Other Solicitations” document listed on the website.  Can you confirm which version we should be referring to - I assume the one you emailed, but I want to be sure?

I emailed the most recent addenda (addenda I) to potential applicants and posted addenda I onto the website.