



Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency Home4Good Continuum of Care Block Grant Application

Home4Good is a collaborative initiative between the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (FHLBank) and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) to provide grant funds to help those who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. Funding is offered annually to Continuums of Care (CoCs) and service organizations serving these impacted individuals.

I. CONTINUUM OF CARE INFORMATION

CoC Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CoC Representative, Name: _____

CoC Representative, Email: _____

Phone: _____

Other Contacts (If Applicable): _____

II. APPLICATION PROCESS

In 2023, block grant applications will be submitted and considered under the following process:

1. CoCs will be responsible for identifying and selecting projects in their region 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 demographics and regions 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 PHFA and FHLBank by the Home4Good deadline, July 31, 2023, to home4good@fhlpgh.com and home4good@phfa.org.
 - a. "Worksheet of Projects" will be prepopulated with the CoC's total allocation. Requested projects must match the allocation listed.
3. FHLBank and PHFA will review the application package and select award recipients, to be announced on or before Dec. 31, 2023. PHFA will contract with the CoCs to disburse funds. CoCs will then be responsible to distribute funds to selected projects.
4. CoCs will be required to submit Home4Good progress reports semi-annually to PHFA on the impact and use of funds for all awarded projects.

For their role in making recommendations and completing Application Packages, Continuums of Care can be compensated up to 5% of the total amount approved in their district. There are no reporting requirements for the CoC compensation funds.

2023 Timeline

Home4Good Grant Applications Released	June 1
CoC Block Grant Application and Worksheet of Projects Due to FHLBank and PHFA	July 31
Home4Good Awards Announcement	On or Before December 31

III. PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

- **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.
- **Innovative Solutions:** Projects, programs or activities that provide innovative solutions that seek to end homelessness.
- **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.

Eligible Organizations:

In 2023, block grant applications are submitted by CoCs on behalf of eligible organizations. Eligible organizations are those that provide services that prevent and/or reduce homelessness in Pennsylvania. Eligible organizations include, but are not limited to:

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

Eligible Funding Activities:

Eligible activities for Home4Good include any program, project or activity which seeks to end homelessness. Home4Good funds cannot be used for development hard costs (costs associated with real estate, construction/rehabilitation, etc.).

Other eligible funding activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Coordinated entry support/capacity building;
- Eviction prevention and homeless diversion support including providing security deposits, rent/utility assistance, employment/transportation assistance, gift cards for groceries, etc.;
- 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;
- Housing models designed to serve youth;
- Homeless outreach;
- Landlord engagement and outreach to increase availability and access to affordable rental units;
- Non-time-limited supportive housing;
- Rapid re-housing that provides housing coupled with supportive services;
- 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;

- 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; and
- Transitional housing to facilitate the movement of individuals and families to permanent housing;

Projects/programs that receive funding through the 2023 Home4Good are required to serve households who are either experiencing homelessness or in danger of becoming homeless. People who can be defined as homeless include:

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

FHLBank Member Financial Institution Participation

Home4Good applications must be supported by an FHLBank member financial institution to qualify for funding. FHLBank will coordinate and collect member co-applicant forms on behalf of applicants. CoCs have no responsibilities to reach out to FHLBank members unless otherwise requested.

Compliance and Reporting

CoCs will be required to collect data from the service providers and complete and submit the Home4Good Semi-Annual 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 PHFA within 30 days of the final expenditure of Home4Good funds.

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 PHFA.

Core metrics required for all Home4Good grantees include:

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

Performance metrics include, but are not limited to:

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

Home4Good Contract and Funding Cycle:

The Home4Good program is funded by the Board of Directors of the FHLBank and PHFA. The 12-month contract term will commence on the execution date of the contract and remains contingent on approved funding from FHLBank and PHFA. The expectation is generally that the funds awarded will be expended within the 12-month term. Those awarded funds should not expect funding to be extended or renewed beyond the term for which the funds are being awarded.

IV. APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Description of how the projects/programs listed on the 2023 Worksheet of Projects were determined and how they align with your CoC's strategic priorities:

2. Please confirm that by applying for Home4Good funds, the Continuum of Care commits to utilizing and distributing such funds in a diverse and equitable manner so as to benefit families and individuals in a manner which is appropriate for the demographic makeup of the geographic area served.

YES

NO

3. Please confirm that by submitting the Application Package, your CoC accepts responsibility for providing Semi-Annual Progress Reports (due to PHFA on March 31, 2024, and Sept. 30, 2024) for each of the awarded projects.

YES

NO

Reporting Contact: _____

Reporting Contact Email: _____

Reporting Contact Phone: _____

4. Describe how you are qualified to make the confirmations/certifications on this form and sign/submit the CoC Block Grant Application Package on behalf of your CoC:

I, the undersigned authorized representative of the Continuum of Care listed above, certify that all information included within the 2023 Home4Good Application Package is true and correct.

Name (Signature): _____

Name (Print): _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

*The complete Application Package must be received by FHLBank and PHFA no later than **July 31, 2023**, to be considered for funding. Complete Application Packages should be emailed to home4good@fhb-pgh.com and home4good@phfa.org. FHLBank and PHFA will have final approving authority of all projects that are submitted.*