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Subject: Comments on HOME-ARP

Description:

I like the emphasis for shelter development to be non-congregate shelter, but if you are going to have shelters built in areas that have no shelter currently, it would also be helpful to accompany that investment with some capacity building investment for the organization building/managing the shelter. Currently no HOME ARP funds are allocated to capacity building. Whether it is an existing non-profit expanding services, or a new non-profit organization, operating a shelter and following best practices will take a steep learning curve. Investment on building the capacity up front will be beneficial in the long run.

With the emphasis on the development of affordable units, it would be helpful to the goals of ending homelessness that a) there be a requirement that these units all accept supportive housing payments whether they are vouchers, rapid re-housing, or other rental assistance and b) that there be coordination with the communities coordinated assessment programs to help facilitate access to the units for people who are transitioning out of homelessness.

Thanks

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