2A. Project Detail

1a. CoC Number and Name: NC-505 - Charlotte/Mecklenburg County CoC

1b. Collaborative Applicant Name: City of Charlotte

2. Project Name: CoC Planning Project FY2019

3. Component Type: CoC Planning Project Application
2B. Project Description

1. Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project and how the Collaborative Applicant will use grant funds to comply with the provisions of 24 CFR 578.7.

The proposed CoC planning grant addresses multiple, community-identified needs that support the ongoing development of a comprehensive and cohesive housing and supportive services system to meet the housing needs of all individuals experiencing homelessness while facilitating equal access to resources and promoting equitable outcomes across races. To meet this community-driven goal, planning dollars will be utilized for: 1) strategic planning, consultation, and training to promote racial equity within the homeless services system; 2) exploration of best practices and initiatives that coordinate, strengthen, align, and expand the coordinated entry system; and 3) Utilization of a racial equity lens to view supportive services and housing strategies within the Continuum of Care.

Specifically, the CoC planning grant will be used for: consultation on system enhancement and training in racial equity in homelessness and housing; housing match and navigation; supportive services standardization and alignment; housing for people with chronic alcohol use disorder; integration of persons with lived experience into CoC decision-making and activities; implementation of a sustainable training model to build capacity in housing-related supportive services best practices; evaluation and alignment of CoC supportive services resources and strategies; and effective and efficient collection of comprehensive information on the state and nature of homelessness in the CoC by utilizing a mobile application for the Point-in-Time Count.

2. Describe the estimated schedule for the proposed activities, the management plan, and the method for assuring effective and timely completion of all work.

By relying on existing staff capacity and expertise, planning for the proposed activities will be able to commence immediately in order to lay the groundwork so that project activities can be implemented upon receipt of funding award. Planning activities will include CoC staff working collaboratively with CoC membership to identify the goals for each project objective, developing qualification criteria for and identifying potential consultant(s)/trainers to meet the proposed project objectives.

CoC lead staff will be responsible for project management of all grant activities. The CoC’s progress toward meeting and exceeding anticipated goals will be documented and communicated by providing updates during CoC membership meetings, Homeless Services Network meetings, and through informational updates provided on a regular basis via the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing and Homelessness Dashboard and local CoC email distribution lists. At the end of the grant period, CoC staff will share the project results with CoC membership and community stakeholders.

In order to meet the grant timeline, NC-505 will upon notice of award allocate CoC staff resources to ensure benchmarks and expected outcomes are met.
Post-award, CoC staff will serve in the role of project manager and will work with the CoC and identified consultants to begin project implementation and planning processes using existing CoC data and membership input.

3. How will the requested funds improve or maintain the CoC's ability to evaluate the outcome of CoC and ESG projects?

A high performing system is data driven and critical to preventing and reducing homelessness, ensuring equitable access and outcomes, promoting a “housing first” approach, and ending homelessness across all races and subpopulations. The CoC will incorporate gathered and synthesized evaluative data from this project to improve system-wide performance measures and develop and implement homeless system strategies to ensure CoC goals and objectives are met. The supportive services evaluation will help the CoC to evaluate HUD funded and other federally funded programs that participate as part of the CoC to identify resources that are leveraged or can be leveraged, track utilization and service, monitor progress, and assist in identifying potential issues, problems and solutions. The CoC will incorporate what it has learned from project and other local, regional and national data to evaluate the characteristics and outcomes of the local homeless population by race and sub-population and within project, program, and funding type.

4. How will the planning activities continue beyond the expiration of HUD financial assistance?

While HUD financial assistance is critical to supporting development an enhanced CoC system and implementation of HEARTH Act requirements, planning activities will sustain beyond expiration of HUD financial assistance through successful resource diversification, leveraging intellectual and strategic tools and resources, community engagement, and the identification of additional financial and collaborative partners. The value and effectiveness of service delivery and long-term program capacity will be increased by the development of sustainable skills, shared vision, and tools to enhance grantee and CoC performance. The requested funds will allow our CoC to ensure fidelity of requirements of 24CFR 576 and 24CFR 578 are maintained. Also, the funds will allow the CoC to build capacity among CoC membership and the CoC board by providing opportunities to build capacity for deeper understanding of best practices and emerging trends in homelessness and affordable housing.
4B. Funding Request

1. Will it be feasible for the project to be under grant agreement by September 30, 2021?

Yes

2. Does this project propose to allocate funds according to an indirect cost rate?

No

3. Select a grant term: 1 Year

A description must be entered for Quantity. Any costs without a Quantity description will be removed from the budget.

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<th>Eligible Costs:</th>
<th>Quantity AND Description (max 400 characters)</th>
<th>Annual Assistance Requested (Applicant)</th>
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<td>1. Coordination Activities</td>
<td>CoC lead agency staff travel and training per diem costs for site visits to best practice CoC sites and to attend local, regional, and national conferences and training (i.e. CSH, HUD, NAEH, NHSDC, NCHV, VA, etc) that inform system coordination and improvement. Funding to support participation in CoC Board and CoC activities by persons with lived experience. CoC meeting expenses, material, and supplies.</td>
<td>$22,000</td>
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<td>2. Project Evaluation</td>
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<td>3. Project Monitoring Activities</td>
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<td>4. Participation in the Consolidated Plan</td>
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<td>5. CoC Application Activities</td>
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<td>6. Determining Geographical Area to Be Served by the CoC</td>
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<td>7. Developing a CoC System</td>
<td>1. CoC System Enhancement Consultation Services in the areas of eliminating racial disparities in homelessness and housing, housing match and navigation, supportive services standardization and alignment, housing for people with chronic alcohol use disorder, better integrating persons with lived experience into CoC governance and planning activities (includes analysis, meeting expenses, materials/supplies, and travel) 2. National, regional, state, and local travel and registrations for CoC members to participate in peer-to-peer and expert-trainer opportunities to build training capacity within the CoC.</td>
<td>$105,938</td>
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<td>8. HUD Compliance Activities</td>
<td>Point-in-Time Count activities including a mobile application to be used for data collection for the sheltered and unsheltered point-in-time count, meeting expenses, materials/supplies</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
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Total Costs Requested: $137,938

Cash Match: $0

In-Kind Match: $34,485

Total Match: $34,485

Total Budget: $172,423

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