



Heart of Illinois
Homeless
Continuum of Care

June 16, 2017

Mr. Ross Black
Director of Community Development
419 Fulton Street
Peoria IL, 61602

RE: Reallocation of City of Peoria Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service to the South Side Office of Concern

Dear Mr. Black,

The Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care Governing Board has reviewed the request of the Peoria Friendship House and recommends the approval of reallocating \$25,667.72 of City of Peoria Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the Peoria Friendship House to the South Side Office of Concern (SSOC).

As a current City ESG subrecipient, the SSOC is extremely effective in moving people from homelessness to housing. In five months (from January 1 to May 31, 2017), the SSOC has exceeded projected service goals for awarded City ESG funds and have served 21 individuals with rapid rehousing assistance. Below are additional performance outcomes for SSOC:

- 95% of the 21 individuals served were either unsheltered or in emergency shelters
- 75% of the 21 individuals have successfully exited to permanent housing
- 92% of those exited have remained permanently housed

With the reallocation of additional funds, SSOC can increase capacity to serve more homeless individuals and families in the Peoria area. Notwithstanding the fund reallocation, the CoC Governing Board will continue to support the Peoria Friendship House in the overall collaboration and participation in the Continuum.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Nowlan
Continuum of Care Director

The mission of the HOIHCOC, a united coalition of community systems, is to assist persons and families facing homelessness to obtain permanent housing, self-sufficiency and an enhanced quality of life through comprehensive, coordinated services