September 13, 2017

Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care
Peoria, IL

RE: ESG Funding Availability for Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care

CoC Governing Board and Member Agencies,

This letter acts as a notice of the availability of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and a request for letters of intent. The funds available are for program years 2018-2019. The attached form letter of intent and application provide details on the funding amounts, funded components and program requirements. The City alongside the Continuum seeks an end to homelessness as the primary outcome of these program funds. Though we are grateful to all non-profit service providers that work in this community, this funding is competitive and will be awarded based on a provider's capacity and track record in permanently housing individuals and families and the subsequent housing stability of these clients.

Funding is available for emergency shelter operations and rapid rehousing programming. The Continuum Governing Board will review letters of intent and measure candidates according to the above-mentioned capacity and record based on HMIS data. The Board will provide a recommendation regarding awardees and amounts to the Peoria City Council. If an agency is notified by the Board that its program is being recommended, a completed application will be required from the agency and due to the Continuum Director.

Agencies: please return completed letters of intent by 5pm on September 29, 2017 to:
Kevin Nowlan, Continuum Director, kevin.nowlan@local.unitedway.org

Board-recommended Agencies: Please return completed applications by 5pm on November 8, 2017 to:
Kevin Nowlan, Continuum Director, kevin.nowlan@local.unitedway.org

Governing Board: Please submit application package and cover letter detailing recommendation by 5pm November 10, 2017 to:
Nick Mitchell, City of Peoria, nmitchell@peoriagov.org

Regards,

Nick Mitchell, Grants Coordinator
Community Development Department
City of Peoria

Enclosures: Blank Letter of Intent, Blank Program Application