Chronic Homelessness Flex Fund

1. **Goals of the Chronic Homelessness Flex Fund**
   - To help households experiencing chronic homelessness, who are enrolled in a housing program matched through the Chicago Coordinated Entry System (Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-housing) secure and maintain safe and affordable housing.
   - To set households up to be stable in their new home.
   - To decrease the amount of time households spend in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation.
   - The assistance should directly alleviate financial barriers that prohibit participants from becoming or remaining housed.

2. **Eligibility Criteria:**
   - Current enrollment in Chicago housing program matched through the Chicago Coordinated Entry System (Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-housing); *please note that this criterion does not stand in cases where HMIS is not used due to specific confidentiality concerns*
   - Current or former chronic homelessness. *This may be demonstrated by HMIS entry into project requiring chronic homelessness or signed verification*
   - Requested funds will assist in obtaining or maintaining housing stability

3. **Types and amounts of assistance**
   - The assistance should directly alleviate financial barriers that prohibit participants from becoming or remaining housed. The funds can be used for:
     - Security Deposit/Move-in fee, if not covered by current housing program
     - Utility bills: arrears to have service connected and/or help the participant get on a payment plan, if other funds unavailable
     - Moving expenses
     - Key deposits
     - Application/background/credit check fees
     - State Identification or Driver's License costs or fees associated with any other documentation that will assist in obtaining housing
     - Furniture
     - Home items not covered under category of “furniture” such as microwave, fan, dishes, utensils, shower curtain, towels, bedding

   *This is meant to be a flexible fund. If there is a need that is not explicitly stated on this notice, it should be discussed on a case-by-case basis to determine eligibility.*

4. **Referral process**
   - Participating agencies will submit requests to Janiece Johnson, Program Associate at All Chicago (jjohnson@allchicago.org). These requests will be reviewed for eligibility.