



MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Missouri Agencies Receive \$22.5 Million in Local Homeless Support Funding

Eighty-one local homeless programs throughout Missouri will receive \$22.5 million in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The announcement came December 21. The funding is part of HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) homeless assistance program.

Seventeen programs under the Balance of State Continuum of Care program, administered by Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC), will receive \$2,054,128. The remaining funds go to other continuums throughout the state that serve the areas of: St. Charles, St. Louis County, St. Louis City, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Joplin, and Springfield.

The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness, established in 1988, provides coordination and program oversight for the Balance of State Continuum of Care. The Balance of State grants are designed to provide critically needed transitional housing and permanent supportive housing in the state's rural regions.

The Balance of State programs renewed for funding include:

Pettis County Community Partnership, Inc. – receives a \$114,759 grant for one year to renew their permanent supportive housing project for people experiencing homelessness with disabilities and their families.

Johnson County HELP – receives a \$107,293 grant for one year to renew their permanent supportive housing project for people experiencing homelessness with disabilities and their families.

Missouri Valley Community Action Agency (MVCAA) – receives a \$183,689 grant for one year to renew their permanent supportive housing project for people experiencing homelessness with disabilities and their families. MVCAA operates 23 units scattered across the counties of Carroll, Chariton, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Ray and Saline.

Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation (DAEOC) – receives two grants to fund housing for people experiencing homelessness: a \$113,992 grant for one year to continue their permanent supportive housing project for people experiencing homelessness with disabilities and their families. Those funds will operate 16 units in the counties of Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott and Stoddard. DAEOC also received a one year grant worth \$147,121 to continue its transitional housing program to help the homeless.

Phoenix Programs, Inc., Columbia – receives a \$71,122 grant for one year to renew their project for homeless individuals who lack the skills and resources necessary for a self-sufficient lifestyle.

Church Army, Branson – receives a one year grant worth \$68,906 to renew its program to give support services to homeless persons in Taney County.

The Salvation Army, Columbia – receives a one year grant worth \$37,450 to renew its homeless support program.

The Salvation Army, Jefferson City – receives a one year grant worth \$104,668 to renew its permanent supportive housing project for people experiencing homelessness with disabilities and their families.

Housing Authority of the City of Columbia – receives a one year grant worth \$311,652 to renew its permanent supportive housing project for homeless individuals with disabilities and their families.

MHDC is the state's housing finance agency. The Commission is dedicated to strengthening communities and the lives of Missourians through the financing, development and preservation of affordable housing. MHDC was created by the General Assembly in 1969 and since that time it has invested \$5 billion for the development of affordable rental housing and mortgages for first-time homebuyers in Missouri. MHDC functions much like a bank, providing financing directly to borrowers, developers or through a network of private lending institutions. MHDC is one of only three state housing agencies in the nation to receive an issuer credit rating of AA+ from Standard & Poor's.



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Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) – receives funds to continue seven programs that provide rental assistance and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness with disabilities and their families in rural counties. The awards include:

- \$104,784 to assist 17 households throughout the Bootheel region;
- \$114,780 to assist 17 households in Taney County;
- \$126,792 to assist 22 households in Marion County;
- \$89,484 to assist 14 households in Adair County;
- \$127,920 to assist 21 households in St. Francois County;
- \$133,092 to assist 23 households in Butler County; and
- \$96,624 to assist 17 households in Howell County.

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