

New Projects

1. CARES, Inc. (Corporation for AIDS Research, Education and Services, Inc.)

a. Albany County CoC Planning Project (2017)

Project Description: CARES is requesting funding to support the operations of the CoC. Proposed funds will support coordination and facilitation of the CoC's processes; including strengthening the current CoC system, assisting with the development and implementation of a coordinated assessment system, conducting project evaluation and monitoring, conducting an annual gaps analysis and Point-in-Time Count, participating in the Consolidated Plan, and preparing and submitting the CoC's application to HUD.

b. Albany County UFA Project (2017)

Program Description: CARES is requesting funds to support the Albany County CoC. The purpose of this project is to complete all of the duties noted within 24 CFR 578.11. Staff funded through this project will work collaboratively with the CoC Board of Directors and soon to be developed Finance Committee to complete the following tasks: (1) apply to HUD for funding for all of the CoC's projects, (2) enter into a grant agreement with HUD and into legally binding agreements with sub-recipients (3) develop policies to monitor and require that sub-recipients establish fiscal controls and review them annually (4) obtain approval from CoC membership in advance of requesting grant amendments from HUD. Staff will work with HUD Regional office to ensure (1) legal agreements with sub-recipients have been entered into in a timely manner, (2) that the organization receives and distributes funds for all projects on a timely manner and (3) that the organization shares administrative funds with sub-recipients. Project staff will ensure sub-recipients establish necessary fiscal controls and fund account procedures and will monitor sub-recipients for compliance with CoC Program regulation annually. In addition project staff, will submit all required reports and audits to HUD.

2. Community Maternity Services

a. Joyce Transitional Housing & Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (2017)

Project Description: Community Maternity Services (CMS) is requesting funding in support of a site based transitional housing & scattered site apartments that serve pregnant/parenting homeless youth and for the past five years has served 119 residents for up to 24 months. HUD bonus funding will allow CMS to continue operating. The project, includes both transitional housing and permanent rapid rehousing and provides each resident with case management and basic life skills, counseling, & parenting classes, employment & educational support and referrals, interim childcare, mental health/substance abuse referrals and aftercare. Target Population: Pregnant/parenting homeless youth/young adults ages 16 up to 24.

3. Homeless and Travelers Aid Society of the Capital District, Inc. (HATAS)

a. The Next Step FY2017

Project Description: HATAS requests funding to support a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program for re-entry from the justice system. The Next Step is a RRH program that will target homeless single adults with a history of Justice Involvement. The Next Step program will work with Coordinated Entry to communicate vacancies/openings and accept referrals, and partner with other community providers to ensure the effective and holistic delivery of case management services and housing opportunities.

b. Coordinated Entry Expansion

Project Description: HATAS requests funding to expand the Albany County Coordinated Entry system. The Albany County Coordinated Entry (CE) program helps the Albany CoC move toward the goal of ending homelessness by improving the speed, accuracy, and consistency of the client screening and assessment process by targeting scarce resources more efficiently and accurately. Since beginning operations of the CE Program, HATAS has seen the system begin to transition from a fragmented and insular system focused on managing homelessness to a nimble crisis response system that seeks to prevent or quickly resolve homelessness through permanent housing solutions and connections to existing community based services.

The primary goal of the project is to first and foremost effectively allocate housing assistance to ensure that assistance is easily accessible no matter where or how people present (no wrong door). This project will reduce wait times for clients and will ensure that the most vulnerable are rapidly assisted with housing. The CE system will prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely manner; regardless of how or where they entered the system. The project will provide information about service needs and gaps to help the CoC plan assistance and identify needed resources. Specifically, this grant funds .70FTE for CE activities. HATAS staff works with the CoC Systems Committee to draft policies/procedures, maintain and report on client data, ensure community outreach, and work with the CoC Board to develop an ongoing system review and planning process for CE. The staff members work collaboratively with the Albany County CoC to ensure residents with unique needs have access to all available services.

Renewal Projects

1. St. Catherine’s Center for Children

a. *SCCC Family PSH 18-19*
Grant PIN: NY0570

Project Description: St. Catherine’s Center for Children requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This project has twelve housing vouchers exclusively for chronically homeless families. The focus is on the large family unit—those most difficult to relocate from the emergency crisis system into permanent housing. The project locates permanent housing arrangements for homeless families and individuals who have experienced homelessness on repeated occasions over a lengthy period of time. The primary service offered is case

management. Case management services emphasize health care related to both the physical and behavioral well-being of the clients. Additionally, this service will assist the clients in the following areas:

- Employment Readiness
- Household management and productive skill development relative to landlord/tenant problem resolution
- Identification of community resources such as neighborhood associations, churches, schools, etc., to support and assist these families and individuals, and to encourage and invite the clients to experience themselves as contributing members of the community
- Inter-personal problem skill development emphasizing how to successfully live in diverse and complicated social environments.

- b. *SCCC Indiv PSH 18-19*
Grant PIN: NY1068

Project Description: St. Catherine’s Center for Children requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. The project will provide permanent supportive housing to eight singles. All individuals will be chronically homeless and will include: singles, youth under 25, and persons with substance abuse disorder, mental illness, and/or HIV/AIDS and will have a documented disabling condition. The project will adhere to the housing first model, accepting applicants regardless of income status, disabling condition, substance abuse disorders or domestic violence.

2. St. Peter’s Addiction Recovery Center

- a. *St. Peter’s Addiction Recovery Center – 22 units (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0051

Project Description: St. Peters Addiction Recovery Center request continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This program provides 27 housing vouchers to formerly homeless individuals and families with disabilities related to chronic substance abuse. The program is operated by St. Peter’s Addiction Recovery Center, Inc. (SPARC). SPARC collaborates with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany to provide rental assistance and case management for eligible participants.

3. Hope House, Inc.

- a. *Permanent Supportive Housing Program*
Grant PIN: NY0039

Project Description: Hope House requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This program provides fourteen housing vouchers to formerly homeless individuals and families with disabilities related to chronic substance abuse.

4. Homeless and Travelers Aid Society of the Capital District, Inc. (HATAS)

- a. *Pathways I 2017*
Grant PIN: NY0044

Project Description: HATAS request continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. The Pathways I project provides permanent housing for 29 homeless households. Rental subsidies make the housing affordable and case management focuses on increasing self-sufficiency through employment and life skills-building for homeless people with disabilities. Services include housing placement, and assistance with mainstream benefits, activities of daily living, securing assistance with mainstream benefits, securing assistance with children’s developmental and educational needs, job readiness activities, and linkages to treatment and community services.

- b. *Pathways II (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0028

Project Description: HATAS requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. The Pathways II project provides housing and support services to twenty-six homeless families with an adult living with a disabling condition (some chronically homeless). Services include housing placement, assistance with mainstream benefits, activities of daily living, help securing assistance with children’s developmental and educational needs, job readiness activities, and linkages to treatment and community services and case management. Financial services include budgeting assistance and social security representative payee services.

- c. *Coordinated Entry (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0996

Project Description: HATAS requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This project supports the on-going work of the Coordinated Entry process in Albany County. The Coordinated Entry ensures that homeless households have access to services via a no-wrong door approach. A standardized form is utilized that prioritizes needs based on vulnerability and severity, and which was developed by the CoC.

5. Corporation for AIDS Research, Education and Services, Inc.

- a. *Albany County Portion of the Capital Region HMIS (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0033

Project Description: CARES requests continued funding to support an HMIS program in Albany County, NY. The Albany County Portion of the Capital Region HMIS collects client level data from 94 programs operated by 21 agencies. Participation in the HMIS is a requirement for all recipients of CoC, Emergency Shelter Grant and/or Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing funds.

- b. *Albany HMIS Expansion FY2017*
Grant PIN: NY1070

Project Description: CARES requests continued funding to support an HMIS program in Albany County, NY. The HMIS has been in operation since 2004. The system collects data from 94 programs within 21 agencies for Albany County. CARES provides training and technical assistance, recruits additional agencies, prepares monthly, quarterly and annual reports for the local homeless services coalitions, organizes user groups, regional workshops and meetings of the HMIS Advisory Committee, and manages relations with the HMIS software vendor. The HMIS works closely with the CoC to explore project and community level data quality, allowing the Data Committee and APR reviewers to hold projects accountable for the quality of their data and the role they play in the overall ability to use the HMIS as an integral part of community planning.

6. Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless

- a. *Interfaith's Hope Through Housing*
Grant PIN: NY0029

Project Description: Interfaith Partnership for Homeless requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. Interfaith's Hope Through Housing project provides an ongoing rental subsidy (max. amount of \$500/month) to a minimum of five homeless individuals with disabilities as well as ongoing supportive case management services. The apartments are located at scattered sites in the community, leased directly to the program participant. The rental subsidy amount is based on the individual's need. The case management services provided focus on life skills development, referrals for appropriate services such as mental health or substance abuse treatment and other issues related to housing retention.

- b. *Sheridan Ave Housing Project*
Grant PIN: NY0030

Project Description: Interfaith Partnership for Homeless (IPH) requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. Interfaith provides supportive case management services for tenants of an eight-unit apartment owned and operated by Interfaith. These permanent housing units are rented to chronically homeless individuals with a disability. Rental subsidies for all tenants are provided through the Shelter Plus Care program. The supportive case management services provided by IPH to all tenants include life skills development, resource education, advocacy and referrals for appropriate services such as mental health or substance abuse treatment and other issues related to housing retention.

- c. *Sheridan Ave Housing Project II*
Grant PIN: NY0834

Project Description: Interfaith Partnership for Homeless (IPH) requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This project includes four-units of permanent affordable housing for homeless

families with a mentally disabled head of household. Tenants' rents are subsidized by vouchers provided through an agreement with Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH). Supportive services for tenants will include housing case management provided by IPH in conjunction with mental health case management provided by ACDMH.

- d. *IPH, HATAS, St. Catherine's Collaborative*
Grant PIN: NY1033

Project Description: Interfaith Partnership for Homeless requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This project provides permanent supportive housing to six families (two per entity) and twenty-one singles (seven per entity). All households are chronically homeless and have a documented disabling condition. The program adheres to the Housing First model, accepting applicants regardless of income status, active or past substance use, criminal background, or history of domestic violence. In addition, participants are maintained in the program, regardless of their participation in supportive services, progress on their goal plan, improvement or maintenance of income, experience with domestic violence, or any other activity or behavior not outlined in their lease agreement.

7. Albany Housing Coalition, Inc.

- a. *Operations at 280 Clinton Avenue (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0042

Project Description: Albany Housing Coalition requests continued funding to support a Transitional Housing (TH) program in Albany County, NY. The program provides five units of 'more-independent' transitional housing for homeless veterans with six months sobriety, many of whom will have graduated and transitioned from the program at the more-supervised Vet House. Living at 280 Clinton Avenue allows participants to continue receiving case management services, and allows participants to save money in preparation for transitioning to self-sufficiency and independent living in the community.

- b. *Walter Street Residence (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0057

Project Description: Albany Housing Coalition requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. The Walter Street Residence provides twelve units of permanent Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing in a supportive environment for formerly homeless veterans with a disabling condition, who are mature, stable and interested in the camaraderie of congregate living with other vets. The project offers hot meals prepared daily by the Residence Cook and served in the common dining area.

- c. *Veterans House Main (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0056

Project Description: Albany Housing Coalition requests continued funding to support a Transitional Housing (TH) program in Albany County, NY. Veterans House is a supportive transitional housing program for homeless veterans, including chronically homeless veterans, offering sixteen Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units in a sober, supervised, congregate environment providing housing, meals and case management services. Veterans House is the point-of-intake into the agency’s continuum of housing and services. Veterans live in a safe, healthy environment while pursuing mainstream activities and gainful employment through the Veterans Employment Program. The ultimate goal is to help participants achieve independent living in affordable housing in the community.

d. *Veterans House Addition (2017)*

Grant PIN: NY0055

Project Description: Albany Housing Coalition requests continued funding to support a Transitional Housing (TH) program in Albany County, NY. This project is a supportive transitional housing program for homeless veterans offering twelve SRO units in a sober, supervised, congregate environment which provides housing, meals and case management services. The team of veteran case managers works closely with participants, supervising their transition to affordable permanent housing in the community. The project offers employment services and placement through the Veterans Employment Program, as well as a continuum of housing and services for the veteran participants.

e. *Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless Veterans (2017)*

Grant PIN: NY0041

Project Description: Albany Housing Coalition requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This is an eight-bed, scattered-site, Permanent Supportive Housing Program for veterans who are homeless and who have a mental health or substance abuse issues.

f. *Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Veterans (2017)*

Grant PIN: NY1071

Project Description: Albany Housing Coalition requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Veterans (RRHV) is a rapid-rehousing program utilizing the Housing First model and Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program model. Homeless veterans need assistance to identify and establish steady sources of income in order to achieve rapid rehousing and sustain housing stability in housing of their choice. The proposed program will assist homeless veterans to accomplish both these goals – income and rapid rehousing. Our goal is to ensure their homelessness is brief, non-recurring and rare. CoC funding is requested in support of one fulltime housing navigator and rental subsidies for 30 veteran households per year.

8. Equinox, Inc.

- a. *Project Break Free*
Grant PIN: NY0045

Project Description: Equinox requests continued funding to support a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program in Albany County, NY. This project is a rapid rehousing program for domestic violence victims and their children who have been residing in emergency shelters or fleeing domestic violence. The project provides rental subsidies for up to two years while clients live in permanent housing; and provides case management and counseling.

- b. *Project Independence*
Grant PIN: NY0047

Project Description: Equinox requests continued funding to support a Transitional Housing (TH) program in Albany County, NY. The project serves homeless youth ages 18-23 in need of support as they transition to their own apartments in the community, with a goal of maintaining permanent housing and self-sufficiency. The project serves single youth and parenting youth (families).

- c. *Transitional Living Project*
Grant PIN: NY0032

Project Description: Equinox requests continued funding to support a Transitional Housing (TH) program in Albany County, NY. The project serves homeless youth ages 16-20 in need of housing and support to obtain permanent housing and self-sufficiency. The project serves single youth and parenting youth (families).

9. Homeless Action Committee, Inc. (HAC)

- a. *HAC SRO*
Grant PIN: NY0037

Project Description: HAC requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. HAC operates permanent Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing for people who had been living on the streets for years and who have alcohol dependence. The project has helped countless people get off the streets, have a home, and begin to make changes in their lives.

10. Albany Housing Authority

- a. *Project-based Rental Assistance for Homeless Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (Yr 2) (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0049

Project Description: Albany Housing Authority requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This project allows participants to access and maintain safe, affordable and supportive

housing. Participants engage in services in the community to address the needs of their disability which further stabilizes their housing.

- b. *Albany County Department of Mental Health Tenant-based Rental Assistance (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0692

Project Description: Albany Housing Authority requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This project provides subsidized and supportive housing to six chronically homeless adults with serious and persistent mental illness.

- c. *HATAS Shelter Plus Care (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0568

Project Description: Albany Housing Authority requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. The project provides subsidized and supportive housing for 25 homeless single adults with a mental health disabling condition. Some consumers also have co-occurring substance abuse disorders. Prior to admission, all were homeless and residing in emergency shelters, transitional facilities, or staying in public places or other locations not meant for habitation. Rental subsidies make the housing affordable, and case management focuses on increasing self-sufficiency and life skills-building for homeless persons with disabilities. Services include housing placement, assistance with mainstream benefits, activities of daily living, job-readiness activities, and linkages to treatment and community services.

- d. *Shelter Plus Care for Homeless Veterans with Disabilities (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0569

Project Description: Albany Housing Authority requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This project provides 25 housing vouchers to homeless veterans with disabilities related to mental illness. The Albany Housing Coalition, Inc (AHC) provides program intake, eligibility screening, identification of landlords and affordable housing options, lease negotiation, and placement, prior to move-in. AHC's case managers then remain in contact with the client through phone contact and face-to-face visits in order to ensure the participant's compliance with their residential plan.

- e. *Albany Damien Center Program (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0799

Project Description: Albany Housing Authority requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This project provides permanent supportive housing to six single adults living in scattered site apartments. Most clients are disabled due to substance abuse and all meet HUD's definition of chronic homelessness.

- f. *CARES Shelter Plus Care (Yr 3) (2017)*

Grant PIN: NY0054

Project Description: Albany Housing Authority requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This grant serves 38 singles and fourteen families. Participants engage in services in the community to address the needs of their disability which further stabilizes their housing.

11. Support Ministries, Inc.

- a. *Arvilla House (FY 2017)*

Grant PIN: NY0034

Project Description: Support Ministries, Inc. requests continued funding to support a PSH program in Albany County, NY. This project provides permanent housing and related services to homeless women living with HIV/AIDS.

- b. *Project HELP (FY 2017)*

Grant PIN: NY0046

Project Description: Support Ministries, Inc. request continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. Project HELP, which was previously transitional housing, is a permanent supportive housing program. The program provides permanent supportive housing and related services to three homeless individuals living with HIV/AIDS and three families of which one member is living with HIV/AIDS in a scattered site apartment program. Funding is used to rent the apartments, and for utility, insurance, supply and equipment costs. The additional funds cover the cost of a program manager and outreach staff.

12. Rehabilitation Support Services

- a. *SAIL (FY2017)*

Grant PIN: NY0052

Project Description: Rehabilitation Support Services requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. This is an eight-bed, scattered site, Permanent Supportive Housing Program for young adults ages 16-25 who are homeless and have a mental illness. This program provides daily contact and intensive supports in order to assist the participants with maintaining their housing and with utilizing community supports in order to increase their independence in the community.

13. Albany Damien Center

- a. *Albany Damien Center PSH Program (2017)*

Grant PIN: NY1032

Project Description: Albany Damien Center requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. The program

specifically serves chronically homeless individuals who have substance abuse diagnoses and HIV/AIDS. Housing and service needs are identified through the ACCH Coordinated Entry System. The program utilizes a Housing First model. Housing First offers individuals and families experiencing homelessness immediate access to permanent affordable and supportive housing without clinical prerequisites like completion of a course of treatment or evidence of sobriety and with a low-threshold for entry, Housing First yields a high housing retention rate, lower returns to homelessness and significant reduction in the use of crisis services and institutions.

- b. *The Madison Apartments FY 2017*
Grant PIN: NY1069

Project Description: Albany Damien Center requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Albany County, NY. The Madison Apartments, a project whose construction is funded by OTDA HHAC, is located at 728 Madison Ave, Albany and is expected to be completed in August 2017. The Madison Apartments will provide 20 permanent supportive units (18 studios and 2 one bedrooms) for 22 persons who are homeless and diagnosed with HIV using a trauma-informed, Housing First approach. The Madison Apartments will be connected to the new Damien Center building, where tenants of this new housing project will receive support services and socialization/support from the HIV community.

14. Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc

- a. *Legal Aid Rapid Rehousing for Families FY 2017-2*

Project Description: Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY requests continued funding to support a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program in Albany County, NY. The project will serve 26 homeless families in motels in Albany County. This RRH project will expand and compliment an existing RRH program conducted under subcontract with Albany County DSS. The two STEHP funded RRH case managers will conduct outreach, accept referrals, and assess households, follow the Coordinated Entry process, rapidly rehouse program participants and provide rental assistance and case management and legal services to homeless households for up to one year following admission to the program. Services and rental assistance will be individualized, client centered and will be provided in stages appropriate to the housing and service needs of each household.

15. Capital Area Peer Services

- a. *100 Clinton Ave Apartments (2016)*
Grant PIN: NY0031

Project Description: Capital Area Peer Services requests continued funding to support a PSH program in Albany County, NY. The program provides permanent housing for men who have an Axis I Mental Health diagnosis. The Program also provides support in the form of personal goal orientated service planning, transportation assistance and medication management. Staff assistance is available six days per week and there is 24 hour on-call service in the event of an emergency during the hours with no staffing.

