

New Projects

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

a. *Rensselaer County CoC Planning Project (2017)*

Project Description: Corporation for AIDS Research, Education and Services, Inc. (CARES) requests funds 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 annual Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Count, participating in the Consolidated Plan, and preparing and submitting the CoC's application to HUD.

2. Joseph's House & Shelter, Inc.

a. *TH-RRH (2017)*

Project Description: Joseph's House and Shelter requests funding to develop and operate a TH-RRH program in Rensselaer County, NY. This project would expand the Housing First Rapid Rehousing (RRH) services and financial assistance currently provided by Joseph's House under the NYS Solutions To End Homelessness Program, and create 4 beds of Transitional Housing (TH) prioritized for youth aged 18-24.

b. *Coordinated Entry Expansion (2017)*

Project Description: Joseph's House and Shelter requests funding to expand the current Coordinated Entry (CE) program in Rensselaer County, NY. In this proposal, Joseph's House would re-allocate \$56,548 of funding to create an expansion Support Services Only (SSO) - Coordinated Entry project, enabling the agency to fulfill the requirements of operating a CE system in our Continuum.

3. Unity House of Troy, Inc.

a. *Rapid Rehousing Youth/DV (387)*

Project Description: Unity House of Troy requests funding to support a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. This RRH project will provide short to medium-term rental assistance and developmentally appropriate support services to youth victims and survivors of domestic violence (aged 18-24). The proposed project will serve seven homeless youth who are also survivors of domestic violence. The proposed project will assist 4 individuals and 3 families.

Renewal Projects

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

a. *Rensselaer County Portion of the Capital Region HMIS (2017)* **Grant PIN: NY0147**

Project Description: Corporation for AIDS Research, Education and Services, Inc. (CARES) requests continued funding to support an HMIS program for Rensselaer County. This is a data collection program that holds client level data. Participation in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a HUD requirement for all recipients of CoC and Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

2. Unity House of Troy, Inc.

- a. *Permanent Supported Housing (309)*
Grant PIN: NY0668

Project Description: Unity House of Troy requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. This supportive housing project provides rent stipends and support services for five households who meet the HUD definition of homelessness. The heads of households are all survivors of domestic violence and many meet the definition of chronically homeless.

- b. *Rapid Rehousing (UH 352)*
Grant PIN: NY0152

Project Description: Unity House of Troy requests continued funding to support a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. This Rapid Rehousing project provides rent stipends for three households and support services for an additional 20 households headed by survivors of domestic violence.

- c. *Permanent Supported Housing (800)*
Grant PIN: NY0146

Project Description: Unity House of Troy request continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. This supportive housing project provides permanent housing with support services for 64 homeless persons as well as rent stipends to eleven households and support services for an additional thirteen households. The program serves persons living with severe and persistent mental illness which includes those who are chronically homeless and survivors of domestic violence.

3. Joseph's House & Shelter, Inc.

- a. *Bert's Place (2017)*
GRANT PIN: NY0804

Project Description: Joseph's House and Shelter requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. This project is a low demand site-based supported housing project for 22 adults with histories of chronic homelessness. The tenants all have a disabling condition—the majority have a serious and persistent mental illness. Most tenants have a co-occurring diagnosis of a mental illness and alcohol/drug abuse or addiction.

- b. *Bethune Program (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0840

Project Description: Joseph's House and Shelter request continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. This project provides scattered site, permanent supported housing to as many as nine homeless families, several of whom will meet HUD's expanded definition of chronically homeless. In all cases, the head of household will have a diagnosed disability.

- c. *Coordinated Entry (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY1094

Project Description: Joseph's House and Shelter requests continued funding to support a Supportive Services Only (SSO) program in Rensselaer County. The Coordinated Entry system uses a Housing First approach to systematically outreach and engage the most vulnerable homeless households in the community and enroll eligible households in permanent supportive housing projects. The Rensselaer County Homeless Services Collaborative (RCHSC) adopted a "No Wrong Door" approach to providing coordinated entry into permanent supportive housing, and the RCHSC Coordinated Entry committee has provided a significant level of outreach, engagement, and training to funded agencies as well as other community partners, in order to guide staff in understanding who is eligible for PSH opportunities and how to refer eligible persons to PSH.

- d. *Joseph's House (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0143

Project Description: Joseph's House and Shelter requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. The adult men and women served by the Joseph's House project live in apartments in one of two services-enriched buildings operated by Joseph's House (The Lansing Inn and the Hill Street Inn). Individuals served by this project have access to 24/7 supportive services provided at the Lansing Inn and the Hill Street Inn. The target population for this project is approx. 34 households who typically have histories of chronic homelessness, and the majority have a severe and persistent mental health diagnosis. Many of the persons served are dually diagnosed with chronic substance abuse disorders, but occasionally the program serves clients for whom this is the primary diagnosis.

4. YWCA of Troy – Cohoes Inc.

- a. *Apartment Program (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0139

Project Description: YWCA of Troy – Cohoes Inc., also known as YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. This project provides 7 scattered site units of permanent supportive housing for homeless women with histories of substance abuse/mental illness and their children. Women served by the program are often referred from the YWCA's Women in Transition program, as well as local shelters. In some cases, the women are able to reunite with their children.

- b. *Family Apartment Program (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0585

Project Description: YWCA of Troy – Cohoes Inc., also known as YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. This project is a four unit on-site supported housing project for women with children who are homeless and have a disability. The project provides housing in a one bedroom apartment, case management and supportive services to the program participants.

5. Catholic Charities Housing Office

- a. *SHP St. Peter's (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0776

Project Description: Catholic Charities Housing Office request continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. This project serves ten homeless adults with disabling conditions such as mental illness, chronic substance abuse, or dual diagnoses. The single room occupancies have on-site 24-hour staff coverage for support, crisis intervention, and security. A full-time case manager provides service coordination, counseling, and referral services to all tenants.

- b. *Shelter Plus Care THA SP (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY0706

Project Description: Catholic Charities Housing Office requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. The project is a Tenant Based Rental Assistance to be used in fourteen Single Room Occupancy units. These affordable units are located in supportive housing which has full time case management services and 24 hour staff coverage. The TBRA is provided to applicants with mental illness, chronic substance abuse problems, and those with HIV/AIDS. The units are handicapped accessible, located close to a bus line and convenient to community amenities.

6. St. Paul's Center

- a. *St. Paul's Center Permanent Supportive Housing (2017)*
Grant PIN: NY1093

Project Description: St. Paul's Center requests continued funding to support a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program in Rensselaer County, NY. SPC PSH serves 18 families with children where the head of household has a disability or life challenge that impairs housing stability. Priority is shown to those experiencing: chronic homelessness, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS. PSH features tenant-based rental vouchers for permanent scattered-site housing with support services. Support services include parent support and teen focused services. Parents' support services focus on any issue affecting housing stability with the goal of gaining financial independence. Support services for teens focus on housing readiness success & financial independence.