

New Projects

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

a. *Rensselaer CoC Planning*

Project Description: This grant funds the Collaborative Applicant for 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, 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.

2. Joseph's House and Shelter

a. *Joseph's House Rapid Rehousing*

Project Description: The project would fund a Rapid Rehousing program to serve 39 literally homeless families and single adults annually in Rensselaer County (13 households at a point in time), expanding the services and rental assistance currently provided by Joseph's House under the New York State Solutions to End Homelessness Program. Joseph's House will provide households with security and up to three months of Tenant Based Rental Assistance, plus one housing specialist providing housing-based case management with the ultimate goal of assisting homeless clients move into permanent housing as quickly as possible.

b. *Coordinated Entry*

Project Description: In this proposal, Joseph's House would reallocate \$26,000 of funding to create this new Coordinated Entry project. The proposal would support 1 FTE Coordinated Entry Staff at \$24,180 per year, plus administrative expenses at 7%. The current CE system in effect in our community uses a Housing First approach to systematically outreach and engage the most vulnerable homeless households in our community and enroll eligible households in permanent supportive housing projects. The RCHSC adopted a "No Wrong Door" approach to providing coordinated entry into permanent supported housing. Joseph's House receives all applications and maintains a single prioritized list of applicants based on prioritized populations. Staff from Joseph's House lead bi-weekly meetings of providers from funded agencies to review and update applications, and collaboratively fill vacant PSH beds using the prioritized list of applicants.

3. St. Paul's Center

a. *SPC Supported Permanent Housing #1*

Project Description: The project includes tenant-based rental vouchers for permanent scattered-site supported housing, and support services to parents and teens which includes locating and securing housing and support necessary and desired by the family to succeed in housing. Teen support services have been incorporated with the goal of readying them for housing success and financial

independence as adults. Tenant-based rental vouchers enable chronically homeless families lacking the financial resources to obtain housing appropriate to their family size. The housing first model will be followed to place homeless families quickly into safe permanent housing. Support services are offered but participation is not required. Services focus on finding housing and the long-term goal of sustaining permanent housing. Guiding support services is a service plan developed in collaborating with families employing strategies that are strengths-based. Support services include connecting the family to; appropriate health care which may include medical case management; ensuring entitlements are established; connecting parents and teens with community supports; employment and training opportunities that assist parent and teens in meeting their identified goals.

Renewal Projects

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

- a. *Rensselaer County Portion of the Capital Region HMIS*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0147L2C121508

Project Description: The Rensselaer County Portion of the Capital Region HMIS collects client level data. Participation in the HMIS is a requirement for all recipients of Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant funding.

2. Unity House of Troy, Inc.

- a. *Permanent Supported Housing Program (UH 309)*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0668L2C121504

Project Description: 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 victims of domestic violence and many meet the definition of chronically homeless.

- b. *Rapid Rehousing (UH 352)*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0152L2C121508

Project Description: This Rapid Rehousing project provides rent stipends for three households and support services for an additional 20 households headed by victims of domestic violence.

- c. *Permanent Supported Housing Program (UH 800)*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0146L2C121508

Project Description: 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. Persons are living with a severe persistent mental illness and include some who are chronically homeless and including some of whom are victims of domestic violence.

- d. *Unity House of Troy OASAS S+C*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0150L2C121508

Project Description: This Shelter plus Care project provides rental stipends for eight households headed by a victim of domestic violence with substance abuse issues.

- e. *Unity House Consolidated (UH 804)*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0149L2C121508

Project Description: This housing program provides rental stipends for 57 households headed by adults with serious and persistent mental illness including some who are chronically homeless. Support services are funded through other funding sources.

3. Joseph's House and Shelter, Inc.

- a. *Bert's Place*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0804L2C121505

Project Description: This project is a low demand site-based supported housing project for adults with histories of chronic homelessness. The tenants all have a disabling condition—the majority has a serious and persistent mental illness. Most tenants have a co-occurring diagnosis of alcohol or drug abuse or addiction.

- b. *Bethune Program*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0840L2C121504

Project Description: 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. *Homeless Outreach*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0141L2C121508

Project Description: This project is a supportive services only project providing outreach to chronically homeless adults with disabilities. The Outreach team provides services to the most vulnerable and neglected members of our community with an end goal of permanent housing stability.

4. YWCA of the Greater Capital Region

- a. *Apartment Program*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0139L2C121508

Project Description: This project provides 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*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0585L2C121507

Project Description: 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*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0776L2C121504

Project Description: 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.

6. **Troy Housing Authority**

a. *Joseph's House Supported Housing #1*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0805L2C121505

Project Description: This project serves between six and ten individuals who have histories of chronic homelessness and severe and persistent mental illness. Many of those served also have a co-occurring alcohol or substance abuse diagnosis. The individuals who are served under this project have access to 24 hours per day support services that are provided at The Lansing and Hill Street Inn.

b. *Joseph's House*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0143L2C121508

Project Description: This project provides housing subsidies to at least 21 people living within the two apartment buildings that Joseph's House operates: The Lansing Inn and The Hill Street Inn. The adult men and women receiving rental assistance have long histories of chronic homelessness and all have a severe and persistent mental illness and, more often than not, a diagnosis of chronic substance abuse. The Joseph's House project that encompasses The Lansing Inn and The Hill Street Inn is a "housing first" model with 24 hours per day support services that are provided on site.

c. *Shelter Plus Care THA SP*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0706L2C121506

Project Description: The Troy Housing Authority is the sponsor of 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