

New Projects

1. Legal Aid Society for Rapid Rehousing

a. Legal Aid Rapid Rehousing for Families

Program Description: The project will serve 26 homeless families in motels in Albany County. This RRH project will expand and complement 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 serve needs of each household.

2. The Albany Damien Center, Inc.

a. The Madison Apartments

Program Description: 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. Our target population will be persons who are homeless and are diagnosed with HIV. 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.

3. St. Catherine's Center for Children

a. St. Catherine's Housing for Individuals

Program Description: The proposed 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 as mentioned in the Albany County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. Assisted units will meet HUD's standards on habitability, with annual inspections being completed by case managers from our agency. The project will adhere to the housing first model, accepting applicants regardless of income status, disabling condition, substance abuse disorders or domestic violence.

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

a. Albany CoC Planning

Program 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.

b. Albany Portion of the CARES Regional HMIS Extension

Program Description: CARES is applying for additional funding to cover costs incurred by the running of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The Albany County portion of the CARES’ Regional HMIS has been in operation since 2004. The system collects data from 65 programs within 21 agencies for Albany County. CARES provides training and technical assistance to the participating agencies, recruits additional agencies, prepares monthly, quarterly, and annual reports for the local homeless service coalitions, organizes user groups and meetings of the HMIS Advisory Committee, and manages relations with the HMIS software vendor, Foothold Technology. The HMIS works closely with the CoC to use the database to explore project and community level data quality on a level not done previously.

Renewal Projects

1. St. Catherine’s Center for Children

a. St. Catherine’s Supportive Family Housing Program Expansion (SCSFHP)
Expiring Grant Number: NY0570L2C031507

Program Description: This project 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

2. St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center

- a. *St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center S+C*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0051L2C031508

Program Description: 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 has collaborated services with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany to provide rental assistance and case management for eligible participants.

3. Hope House

- a. *Hope House S+C*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0039L2C031508

Program Description: 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.

- a. *Pathways I*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0044L2C031508

Program Description: 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, assistance with mainstream benefits, activities of daily living, help securing 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.

- b. *Pathways II*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0028L2C031507

Program Description: 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*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0996L2C031500

Program Description: 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 that prioritizes needs based on vulnerability and severity, and which was developed by the CoC.

5. Capital Area Peer Services

- a. *100 Clinton Avenue Apartments*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0031L2C031508

Program Description: 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.

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

- a. *Albany County Portion of the Capital Region HMIS*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0033L2C031508

Project Description: 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.

7. Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless

- a. *Interfaith’s Hope Through Housing*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0029L2C031506

Project Description: 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 Avenue Housing Project*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0030L2C031506

Project Description: 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 Avenue Housing Project II*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0834L2C031504

Project Description: 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. *Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, HATAS, St. Catherine's Collaborative*
Expiring Grant Number: NY1033L2C031500

Program Description: 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.

8. Albany Housing Coalition, Inc.

- a. *Operations at 280 Clinton Avenue*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0042L2C031508

Project Description: 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*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0057L2C031508

Project Description: The Walter Street Residence provides twelve units of permanent 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*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0056L2C031508

Project Description: A supportive transitional housing program for homeless veterans, including chronically homeless veterans, offering sixteen 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-Addiction*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0055L2C031508

Project Description: 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*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0041L2C031508

Project Description: This is a eight-bed, scattered-site, Permanent Supportive Housing Program for veterans who are homeless and who have a mental health or substance abuse issues.

9. Equinox, Inc.

- a. *Project Break Free Changing to Rapid Rehousing*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0045L2C031508

Project Description: 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*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0047L2C031508

Project Description: 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*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0032L2C031507

Project Description: 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).

10. Homeless Action Committee, Inc.

a. *HAC SRO*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0037L2C031508

Project Description: 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.

11. Albany Housing Authority

a. *Tenant-based Rental Assistance for Homeless Persons (Yr7)*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0693L2C031506

Project Description: This grant serves sixteen singles and twelve families and is implemented collaboratively by CARES, Inc. Catholic Charities, Interfaith Partnership and the Marillac Family Shelter. Clients receive case management and financial assistance needed to locate and maintain safe and affordable housing. Services are provided by these and other community-based providers to address the needs of their disability so that they can better maintain their housing.

b. *Project-based Rental Assistance for Homeless Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (Yr2)*

Expiring Grant Number: NY0049L2C031508

Project Description: This project allows participants to access and maintain safe, affordable and supported housing. Participants engage in services in the community to address the needs of their disability which further stabilizes their housing.

- c. *Albany County Department of Mental Health Tenant-based Rental Assistance*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0692L2C031506

Project Description: This project provides subsidized and supportive housing to six chronically homeless adults with serious and persistent mental illness.

- d. *HATAS Shelter Plus Care*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0568L2C031507

Project Description: 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.

- e. *Shelter Plus Care Program for Homeless Veterans with Disabilities*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0569L2C031507

Project Description: 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 contacts and face-to-face visits in order to ensure the participant's compliance with their residential plan.

- f. *Albany Damien Center Shelter Plus Care Program*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0799L2C031505

Project Description: 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.

- g. *Shelter Plus Care Yr. 3*
Expiring Grant Number: NY0054L2C031508

Project Description: This newly consolidated 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.

- h. Shelter Plus Care Program for Chronically Homeless Veterans 2007**
Expiring Grant Number: NY0871L2C031504

Project Description: This project provides permanent supportive housing to six households in which the head of household is a chronically homeless veteran. Housing is provided through scattered site rental vouchers.

12. Support Ministries, Inc.

- a. Arvilla House**
Expiring Grant Number: NY0034L2C031507

Project Description: This project provides permanent housing and related services to homeless women living with HIV/AIDS.

- b. Project HELP**
Expiring Grant Number: NY0046L2C031508

Project Description: Project HELP (previously transitional housing) is a permanent housing program. The program provides permanent 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.

13. Rehabilitation Support Services

- a. Supporting Adolescents Through Independent Living (SAIL)**
Expiring Grant Number: NY0052L2C031508

Project Description: 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.

14. Albany Damien Center

- a. Albany Damien Center PSH Program**
Expiring Grant Number: NY1032L2C031500

Program Description: 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.