

As of February 1, 2018, the Corporation for AIDS Research, Education and Services, Inc. (CARES) assumed the role of Unified Funding Agency (UFA) for the NY-503 Albany City & County Continuum of Care (CoC).

NEW PROJECTS

CORPORATION FOR AIDS RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND SERVICES, INC. (CARES)

1. Albany County CoC Planning Project

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.

2. Albany County UFA Project

Program Description: CARES is requesting funding to support the Albany County CoC. The purpose of this project is to complete all duties noted within 24 CFR 578.11. Staff funded through this project will work collaboratively with the CoC Board of Directors and Finance Committee to complete the following tasks: (1) apply to HUD for funding for all CoC 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, and (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 organizations receive and distribute funds for all projects in a timely manner, and (3) that organizations share 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.

EQUINOX

3. Equinox Project Independence

Project Description: The project strives to use a Housing First approach in service provision. The project is a rapid rehousing program serving homeless youth aged 16-24, including those who are exiting Transitional Living Programs but could still benefit from ongoing services and financial support. The program focuses on education, employment, and acquisition of life skills as youth transition to permanent housing. The project works with the CoC and other community entities to identify, engage, and effectively serve youth who are experiencing homelessness.

JOSEPH'S HOUSE/HOMELESS ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.

4. HAC/HJ Kendal House Expansion

GRANT PIN: NY0037

Project Description: JH/HAC are requesting new funding for a two-unit expansion of the existing SRO program “Kendal House” located at 393 N. Pearl Street in Albany, NY. The program model and target population will remain in keeping with the current operating parameters of Kendal House: the two units will be dedicated for persons experiencing chronic homelessness. A strong preference is given for persons who have primary alcohol abuse diagnosis for whom traditional treatment has not yet been effective, and who have been street homeless for over one year. All outreach efforts and referrals will come via Albany County’s Coordinated Entry process, with most tenants likely to have engaged with HAC’s Outreach Program to complete the CE process.

RENEWAL PROJECTS

ALBANY HOUSING COALITION, INC. (AHC)

**1. AHC - Operations at 280 Clinton Ave
GRANT PIN: NY0042**

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with the Albany Housing Coalition who requests continued funding to support a 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.

**2. AHC - RRH for Homeless Veterans
GRANT PIN: NY1071**

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Albany Housing Coalition who requests continued funding to support a 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.

**3. AHC - S Plus C for Homeless Veterans with Disabilities
GRANT PIN: NY0569**

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Albany Housing Authority who requests continued funding to support a 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.

4. AHC Veterans House (Consolidated)

GRANT PIN: NY0056

Project Description: VH Addition and VH Main are consolidating into one project. VH Addition 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. VH Main is 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. This project provides supportive transitional housing for homeless veterans, including chronically homeless veterans in a sober, supervised, congregate environment which includes 28 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units, and provides 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.

5. AHC - PSH for Homeless Veterans (Consolidated)

GRANT PIN: NY0041

Project Description: Walter Street Residence and PSH for Homeless Veterans are consolidating into one project. 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. PSH for homeless Vets 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.

CORPORATION FOR AIDS RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND SERVICES, INC. (CARES)

6. HMIS Consolidated

GRANT PIN: NY0033

Project Description: HMIS and HMIS Expansion are consolidating into one project. The Albany County Portion of the Capital Region HMIS collects client level data from 94 programs operated by 21 agencies.

CAPITAL AREA PEER SERVICES (CAPS)

7. CAPS - 100 Clinton Ave

GRANT PIN: NY0031

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Capital Area Peer Services who 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.

THE ALBANY DAMIEN CENTER, INC.

8. Damien Center Housing (Consolidated)

GRANT PIN: NY1032

Project Description: PSH and The Madison Apartments are consolidating into one project. This PSH program serves 19 chronically homeless persons diagnosed with HIV. In addition to chronic homelessness and HIV, some tenants are also diagnosed with substance use disorder. The program goal is for 100% of tenants to maintain permanent housing within the program or exiting the program into their own permanent housing.

9. Damien Center - S Plus C

GRANT PIN: NY0799

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with the Albany Housing Authority who requests continued funding to support a 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.

EQUINOX, INC.

10. Equinox - Transitional Living

GRANT PIN: NY 0032

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Equinox who requests continued funding to support a 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).

11. Equinox DV Coordinated Entry

GRANT PIN: NY1196

Project Description: CARES is requesting funding to support Equinox for the proposed Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry project will provide the resources necessary for Equinox to review, develop and implement policies, procedures and practices to equip the CoC's current Coordinated Entry system to more safely and effectively meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.

12. Equinox DV RRH

GRANT PIN: NY0045

Project Description: CARES is requesting funding to support Equinox for the proposed DV RRH program to double its capacity for homeless victims of domestic violence in Albany County. These monies will enable us to help more victims in need of securing safe, affordable and permanent housing, as well as to aid with transportation and emergency needs which impact their ability to attain self-sufficiency. The ultimate objective of this DV RRH programs is to assist domestic violence victims in achieving and maintaining permanent, safe housing, increased financial stability, and an abuse-free life.

HOMELESS ACTION COMMITTEE, INC. (HAC)

13. HAC - SRO

GRANT PIN: NY0037

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with HAC who requests continued funding to support a PSH program in Albany County, NY. HAC operates 30 units of permanent 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.

14. HAC-SRO Combined

GRANT PIN: NY0037

Project Description: This combined SRO new and renewal expansion project will serve a total of 32 units. The program model and target CH population will remain in keeping with the current operating parameters of Kendal House. The project has helped countless people get off the streets, have a home, and begin to make changes in their lives.

ALBANY HOUSING AUTHORITY

15. CARES - S Plus C for Persons with Disabilities (Yr 3)

GRANT PIN: NY0054

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Albany Housing Authority who requests continued funding to support a PSH program in Albany County, NY. This grant serves a total of 90 singles and fourteen families. Participants engage in services in the community to address the needs of their disability which further stabilizes their housing.

16. CARES - PBRA for Homeless Persons Living With HIV/AIDS (Yr 2)

GRANT PIN: NY0049

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with the Albany Housing Authority who requests continued funding to support a 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

17. HATAS SPC (Consolidated)

GRANT PIN: NY0568

Project Description: Mental Health TBRA and S Plus C are consolidating into one project. This project provides subsidized and supportive housing for 31 homeless single adults living with a mental health disabling condition. Some consumers also have co-occurring substance abuse disorders. 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.

18. HATAS Pathways (Consolidated)

GRANT PIN: NY0044

Project Description: Pathways I and Pathways II are consolidating into one project which project provides permanent housing and support services for 55 homeless households, including 24 singles and 31 homeless families with an adult living with a disabling condition (some chronically homeless). 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, case management, activities of daily living, help securing assistance with children's developmental and educational needs, job readiness activities and linkages to treatment and community services. Financial services include budgeting assistance and social security representative payee services.

19. HATAS - The Next Step

GRANT PIN: NY1144

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Homeless and Travelers Aid Society of the Capital District, Inc. (HATAS) who 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.

20. HATAS - Coordinated Entry

GRANT PIN: NY0996

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with HATAS who requests continued funding to support a 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.

HOPE HOUSE, INC.

21. Hope House - PSH

GRANT PIN: NY0039

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Hope House who requests continued funding to support a 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

INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS (IPH)

22. IPH Housing (Consolidated)

GRANT PIN: NY0029

Project Description: IPH Housing programs consist of three consolidated housing programs - Hope Through Housing, Sheridan Hollow Housing I, and Sheridan Hollow Housing II. 100% of each program's beds are dedicated to serving chronically homeless individuals. Hope Through

Housing provides permanent, affordable, scattered site housing and supportive case management to (5) homeless single adults who are living with a disability that has inhibited their ability to live independently without supports. Sheridan Ave Housing Project provides long-term, supportive case management services to single adults residing in Interfaith's eight permanent supportive housing units who have been chronically homeless and living with a disabling condition(s). Sheridan Ave Housing Project II provides four units of permanent supportive housing to homeless families in which the head of household is living with a disabling condition that has inhibited the family's ability to maintain housing. The Housing Case Manager is located onsite for Sheridan Hollow Housing I & II projects, and both Housing Case Managers meet regularly with each resident/head of household to provide intensive services focused on long-term housing retention, stability, and overall self-sufficiency. Referrals are received through the Coordinated Entry system for each program.

23. MultiDivision Housing - IPH HATAS SCCC Collaborative
GRANT PIN: NY1033

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless who requests continued funding to support a 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.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK (LASNNY)

24. Legal Aid - RRH for Families Expansion
GRANT PIN: NY1067

Project Description: CARES is requesting funding to support LASNNY's RRH project which will serve homeless families primarily sheltered by Albany County DSS at the Schuyler Inn & Marillac Family Shelter. 15 households will receive Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). This project will expand/complement LASNNY's AC Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP) RRH program and the existing CoC funded Legal Aid Rapid Rehousing for Families (LARFF) to serve motel & Marillac families. Funding will expand current capacity to provide TBRA & improved access to case management.

REHABILITATION SUPPORT SERVICES (RSS)

25. RSS Albany - SAIL
GRANT PIN: NY0052

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Rehabilitation Support Services who requests continued funding to support a 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.

ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN (SCCC)

26. SCCC Supported Housing Plus (Consolidated)

GRANT PIN: NY0570

Project Description: Individual Supported Housing and Supported Housing Plus are consolidating into one project. This PSH program serves 1) five chronically homeless singles, including youth under 25, and persons with substance abuse disorders, mental illness, and/or HIV/AIDS and a documented disabling condition, and 2) nine chronically homeless families (with an emphasis on large family units) most difficult to relocate from the emergency crisis system into permanent housing. The primary service offered is case management which emphasizes health (both physical and behavioral) and well-being of clients. The service also assists clients with the following: 1) Employment Readiness 2) Household management and skill development relative to landlord/tenant problem resolution 3) Identification of community resources (e.g., neighborhood associations, churches, schools) to support and assist these families and individuals, and to encourage the clients to experience themselves as contributing members of the community and 4) Inter-personal problem skill development emphasizing how to successfully live in diverse and complicated social environments.

ST. PETER'S ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTER (SPARC)

27. SPARC - S Plus C

GRANT PIN: NY0051

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with St. Peters Addiction Recovery Center to 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.

SUPPORT MINISTRIES, INC.

28. Support Ministries - Arvilla House

GRANT PIN: NY0034

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Support Ministries, Inc. who 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

29. Support Ministries - Project HELP

GRANT PIN: NY0046

Project Description: CARES, Inc., has contracted with Support Ministries, Inc. who request continued funding to support a 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.