

NEW PROJECTS

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

1. Rensselaer CoC Planning Project (2019)

Project Description: 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, 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. Rensselaer County HMIS Expansion (2019)

Grant Pin: NY1047

Project Description: The CARES Regional HMIS currently serves Rensselaer County with HMIS services, including Coordinated Entry, Annual reporting to HUD (LSA, System Performance Measures, CoC Grant Application) State (Homeless Services Plans Outcomes Reports), the CoC (Racial Inequity data, Monthly, Quarterly and Annual reporting) and individual agencies (ad hoc and internal reporting supports). We provide all training, monitoring, software access, data management, reporting and regulatory oversight of the HMIS program. CARES is dedicated to keeping up with the growing and evolving needs of the community to track, report on and expedite care for the homeless consumers. CARES will use this funding to expand reporting services, reduce the financial burden for HMIS access to agencies and enhance the use of the Coordinated Entry system to better target the most vulnerable consumers while creating better quarterly and annual reporting to the Ten-Year Plan, Data and Strategic Planning Committees.

Joseph's House & Shelter, Inc.

3. JH- Rensselaer Coordinated Entry Expansion (2019)

Grant Pin: NY1094

Project Description: In this proposal, Joseph's House (JH) is requesting new bonus funding to create an expansion SSO - Coordinated Entry project, enabling the agency to fulfill the requirements of operating a CE system in our Continuum.

Unity House of Troy, Inc.

4. UH DV Rapid Rehousing Bonus (2019)

Project Description: UH DV proposes the implementation of a Rapid Re-housing Program for homeless victims and survivors of domestic violence, to supplement and strengthen the capacity of UH DV's current CoC Rapid Re-housing program UH

352. If funded, UHDVS will provide support services and rental assistance to victims and survivors of domestic violence and their children. Ten units and sixteen beds are being requested per year; however, over the course of a contact year, 11 units and 11 beds will be filled since stipends will be provided for an average of six-month terms.

5. Unity House Troy - UH 800 (FY 2019) Expansion

Grant Pin: NY0146

Project Description: This expansion project will increase UH 800 by 5 units and 5 beds. The expansion units and beds will be dedicated to youth living with a disabling condition. Vacancies in these units will be filled through the Rensselaer County Coordinated Entry system.

St. Paul's Center

6. St. Paul Center – PSH (2019) Expansion

Grant Pin: NY1093

Project Description: Through the expansion of the existing CoC-funded scattered site PSH program, SPC would be able to serve three additional families (9 additional beds). Enrolled families are provided with monthly rental assistance and each family member receives support services provided by a SOAR-trained housing stability advocate. Utilizing our intake assessment tool developed in partnership with Welfare Research, Inc. each family member's situation is evaluated paying particular attention to a family's strength as a unit, and the strengths and successes of each family member with the intention of applying those strengths and successes to challenges that affect housing stability, individual growth, and success.

RENEWAL PROJECTS

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

1. Rensselaer County Portion of the Capital Region HMIS (2019)

Grant PIN: NY0147

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

2. Rensselaer County HMIS Combined

Grant Pin: 1047

Project Description: 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, 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.

Unity House of Troy, Inc.

3. Unity House Troy -UH 309 (FY 2019)

Grant PIN: NY0668

Project Description: Unity House of Troy requests continued funding to support a This Permanent Supported Housing (PSH) program serves homeless victims and survivors of domestic violence (DV) who live with a serious mental illness (with or without other disabling condition/s). The project provides tenant-based rental assistance and comprehensive, trauma-informed services to a minimum of nine clients (beds) across five households (units) each contract year.

4. Unity House Troy - UH 352 (FY 2019)

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.

5. Unity House Troy - UH 800 (FY 2019)

Grant PIN: NY0146

Project Description: Unity House of Troy requests continued funding to support a 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.

6. Unity House 800 FY 2019 Combined

Grant Pin: NY0146

Project Description: This expansion project will increase UH 800 by 5 units and 5 beds. The expansion units and beds will be dedicated to youth living with a disabling condition. Vacancies in these units will be filled through the Rensselaer County Coordinated Entry system.

7. Unity House Troy- Coordinated Entry for RCHSC FY 2019

Grant Pin: NY1210

Project Description: UHDVS proposes the implementation of a SSO-CE project designed to enhance the CE process across the Rensselaer County CoC for homeless and those fleeing victims and survivors of domestic violence. If funded, this project will dedicate time for policy-making

managers, UHDVS Service Director and a program director to work with the CoC to implement enhanced policies, procedures and practices in an effort to more efficiently and sensitively serve homeless and fleeing domestic violence survivors.

Joseph's House & Shelter, Inc.

8. JH - Bert's Place (2019)

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.

9. JH - Bethune (2019)

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.

10. JH - Consolidated (2019)

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.

11. JH - Rensselaer Coordinated Entry (2019)

Grant PIN: NY1094

Project Description: Joseph's House and Shelter requests funding for the current CE program in Rensselaer County, NY. 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 supportive housing, and the RCHSC Coordinated Entry committee has provided a significant level of outreach and engagement 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. Although most referrals for PSH come from CoC- and ESG- funded community providers, the application form is brief and designed so that it is easy to complete. Homeless households applying for services are requested to provide basic demographic information, data necessary to establish eligibility for PSH, as well as information relating to circumstances under which a household may be prioritized for PSH opportunities. Prospective tenant choice is encouraged, as applicants are able to choose the specific projects for which they would like to apply. As established in the Rensselaer County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, persons experiencing chronic homelessness are the highest priority population for entry into PSH - currently 5 priority points are given to households who meet this criteria. Persons who are unsheltered, are youth under 24, veterans, have two or more disabling conditions, are homeless due to sex trafficking or work in the sex industry, or are currently pregnant also receive an additional point for each situation that applies to them. If not for CoC financial support for this program, the continuum would be unable to meet the CE requirements of the HEARTH Act and other CE-related HUD requirements.

12. JH- Rensselaer Coordinated Entry Combined (2019)

Grant Pin: NY1094

Project Description: In this proposal, Joseph's House (JH) is requesting new bonus funding to create an expansion SSO - Coordinated Entry project, enabling the agency to fulfill the requirements of operating a CE system in our Continuum.

YWCA of Troy – Cohoes Inc.

13. YWCA – GCR - Apartment Program (2019)

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.

14. YWCA – GCR - Family Apartment Program (2019)

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.

Catholic Charities Housing Office

15. CCHO - St. Peters PSH

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.

16. CCHO – St. Peter’s Consolidated PSH

Grant Pin: NY1209

Project Description: The program will provide 17 units of permanent, supportive SRO housing for chronically homeless individuals at St Peter’s SRO residence in Troy. The SRO is currently in operation serving homeless individuals and the SRO units will be filled with project participants through attrition as the units are turned over.

17. St. Peters PSH II Consolidated

Grant PIN: NY0776

Project Description: CCHO-St. Peter’s Consolidated will provide at least 41 units of permanent, supportive SRO housing for chronically homeless and homeless individuals, and will be maximized to provide additional PSH units as funding permits during the contract year.

St. Paul’s Center

18. St. Paul’s Center - PSH (2019)

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.

19. St. Paul Center – PSH 2019 Renewal & Expansion

Grant Pin: NY1093

Project Description: Through the expansion of the existing CoC-funded scattered site PSH program, SPC would be able to serve three additional families (9 additional beds). Enrolled families are provided with monthly rental assistance and each family member receives support services provided by a SOAR-trained housing stability advocate. Utilizing our intake assessment tool developed in partnership with Welfare Research, Inc. each family member's situation is evaluated paying particular attention to a family's strength as a unit, and the strengths and successes of each family member with the intention of applying those strengths and successes to challenges that affect housing stability, individual growth, and success.