

NEW PROJECTS

CARES of NY, Inc.

Schenectady 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.

Bethesda House of Schenectady, Inc.

Cara House Residential Program

Project Description: Bethesda House is requesting funding to support operations costs related to 26 permanent supportive housing (PSH) units/beds located on the second and third floor of the agency's new facility, Cara House. The PSH target populations are individuals who are CH as defined by HUD, including individuals who are re-entering the community from incarceration, with an emphasis on those with one or more disabling conditions. The three-story building also has 16 emergency shelter beds on the first floor, with a separate entrance and no access to residential units. HUD Bonus funds are requested to support operational costs related to the 26 PSH units only. BH owns/manages Cara House, in walking distance from BH's main center, and provides on-site supportive services addressing the whole person to ensure housing stability and encourage independence.

Schenectady Community Action Program

PSH Expansion

Project Description: SCAP's new project request is for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) that expands SCAP's established PSH programs to target individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness where a member of the household has a disability (i.e. mental illness, chronic substance abuse, HIV/AIDS-related illness), through the utilization of four (4) scattered-site units (with an estimated 4 beds). 100% of beds will be dedicated to the chronically homeless. The goal is to provide permanent housing through subsidized rent, and assistance in building social and economic support systems. Leases will be entered into between the landlord and SCAP to enhance housing stability; participants will reside in safe, code-compliant, scattered-site apartments of their choice as subtenants. This will be a low-demand program that uses a Housing First approach.

YWCA of Schenectady

DV Bonus 2024-2025

Project Description: The DV Bonus Rapid Rehousing Program serves women and their families who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness due to domestic violence. This program functions to help clients get back on their feet after being displaced due to domestic violence. This 9-month program provides rental assistance on a three-tier

program. Upon entry to the program, Rapid Rehousing provides a security deposit and three months of 100% rent payments. For the second three months, YWCA provides 75% of rent and the client pays 25%. For the final three months, YWCA provides 50% of the rent and the client provides the other 50%. Case Managers work closely with residents to help them reach financial independence so that they can maintain their housing after Rapid Rehousing assistance ends.

RENEWAL PROJECTS

Bethesda House of Schenectady, Inc.

Bethesda House - Pathways to the Future

Grant PIN: NY0801

Project Description: Bethesda House requests continued funding to support 12 single units of PSH in Schenectady. This project provides leasing, operating, and support services for clients. The project follows the Housing First model with a number of supportive services available upon client request. The project includes some units designated for chronically homeless disabled adults.

Bethesda House - The Lighthouse

Grant PIN: NY0113

Project Description: Bethesda House requests continued funding to support a PSH program in Schenectady. The Lighthouse residence provides permanent supportive housing for seven formerly chronically homeless disabled adults. The Lighthouse is a Housing First model with a ninety-five percent success rate of participants remaining continuously housed for more than three years.

Bethesda House - Liberty Consolidated

Grant PIN: NY0097

Project Description: Bethesda House requests continued funding to support a PSH program in Schenectady. This project provides leasing, operating, and support services for residents in PSH. The project follows the Housing First model with a number of supportive services available upon client's request. The project includes some units designated for chronically homeless disabled adults.

Bethesda House - Coordinated Entry Schenectady Co.

Grant PIN: NY1034

Project Description: Bethesda House requests continued funding to support the CoC CE system. All CoC-funded programs are required to participate in the CE system. The referral and housing placement process ensures all households experiencing homelessness will receive rapid and appropriate assistance. Schenectady CoC's Coordinated Entry System operates as a "no wrong door" approach. The system ensures client centered services are allocated as effectively as possible and are easily accessible no matter where people are present.

Bethesda House - Beacon Residential Program

Grant PIN: NY1131

Project Description: Bethesda House requests continued funding to support a PSH program in Schenectady. Beacon Residential Program will provide PSH to 16 single adults (16 units) who are of very low or no-income and who are chronically homeless as defined by HUD. Bethesda House serves the hardest to serve individuals, often barred from other agencies due to severe and persistent mental illness, chemical dependency or cognitive impairments. The project plan for addressing identified housing and supportive service needs follows the Housing First model, focusing on moving people into housing directly from streets and shelters without preconditions of treatment acceptance or compliance.

CARES of NY, Inc.

Schenectady County of the Capital Region HMIS

Grant PIN: NY0106

Project Description: CARES requests continued funding to support an HMIS program for CoC NY-507. This is a data collection program that holds client level data. Participation in the HMIS is a requirement for all recipients of CoC and Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

New Choices Recovery Center

New Choices Renewal Project Application FY2022

Grant PIN: NY0102

Project Description: New Choices Recovery Center requests continued funding to support a 68 bed Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. This rental project provides housing assistance and case management services for permanent housing for individuals/families with disabilities. The focus population is individuals with substance abuse histories.

SAFE Inc. of Schenectady

Project Safe/Life Skills Program

Grant PIN: NY0105

Project Description: SAFE Inc. of Schenectady requests continued funding for their support services program. This program serves 80 individuals (youths) annually who have a dual diagnosis of substance abuse, mental health disorders and are homeless. The individuals in the program are provided with advocacy to ensure that they find and remain in safe permanent housing. These individuals are also provided with supportive services to ensure that they are able to increase their skills and/or income to help them become more self-sufficient.

YWCA of Schenectady

YWCA Schenectady - Rosa's House Consolidated

Grant PIN: NY0664

Project Description: Rosa's House requests continued funding to support its Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. Case management services are provided to assist the residents with skills necessary to maintain permanent housing, obtain employment, and continue treatment for mental health and addiction issues.

YWCA DV Bonus Renewal

Grant PIN: NY1254

Project Description: YWCA NENY requests continued funding for its Rapid Rehousing Project to serve a minimum of 17 households. With the help of these funds, YWCA will be able to impact and address the gap of affordable housing opportunities in our community for survivors of domestic violence. The Rapid Rehousing Case Manager will participate in the Coordinated Entry, processing referrals from the Coordinated Entry and serve as a domestic violence expert for the group to assist and consult on domestic violence cases. The RRH Case Manager will use a housing first approach with qualifying individuals and families to address any barriers or areas that the client identifies as inhibiting stable long-term housing.

YWCA DV Bonus

Grant PIN: NY1345

Project Description: The YWCA requests continued funding to expand its current RRH services to provide housing for survivors of Domestic Violence in the Capital Region. The YWCA screens potential clients, collects pertinent data from clients accepted to the program, locates appropriate housing, and ensures that the client is prepared to maintain housing with case management as needed. The program provides funding for deposits and 9 months of rent on a step-down basis.

YWCA DV Bonus 2023-2024 C

Grant PIN: NY1428

Project Description: YWCA requests continued funding to address the gap of affordable housing opportunities in the Capital Region for victims of domestic violence. YWCA will assist individuals in finding housing first in Schenectady and within the Capital District if necessary. YWCA will continue to offer rapid rehousing services to the following population in the following order: 1) DV/Dating Violence/Sexual Assault Survivors 2) those in imminent risk of losing their housing within 14 days 3) those who are sheltered in an institution and exiting, who were previously homeless 4) unsheltered individuals. YWCA will also support a second staff position which will split some responsibilities to be shared with the RRH Case Manager and RRH Coordinator.

Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority

SMHA – Shelter Plus Care

Grant PIN: NY0109

Project Description: Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority requests funding to continue support of its PSH program in Schenectady County. This program helps residents who are homeless and disabled due to serious mental illness, chronic substance abuse, and/or HIV/AIDS. The program is funded to provide 46 units of housing.

Schenectady Community Action Program, Inc.

SCAP - Sojourn House

Grant PIN: NY0110

Project Description: Schenectady Community Action Program requests continued funding for their 7-unit Transitional Housing (TH) program in Schenectady County. This is a transitional housing program for homeless pregnant and/or parenting women and their children - the only program of its kind in Schenectady County. Sojourn is a congregate care facility that provides comprehensive services including meals, transportation, case management, housing location, and supportive services.

SCAP – PSH 27

Grant PIN: NY0104

Project Description: Schenectady Community Action Program requests continued funding for their PSH program in Schenectady County. This project provides 27 units of housing and comprehensive support services to homeless families with a diagnosed mental illness, substance abuse, or HIV/AIDS condition who live in scattered site apartments. HUD funding pays for rental subsidies and case management.

SCAP – CoC RRH

Grant PIN: NY1035

Project Description: Schenectady Community Action Program requests continued funding for its RRH program serving approximately 76 individuals in Schenectady County. SCAP, in partnership with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York administers a Rapid Rehousing project in Schenectady County that serves homeless households coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters. SCAP will assist households move into stable housing quickly, utilizing a Housing First approach. Program components involve identifying a housing location, providing legal and eligible financial assistance (including short and/or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance; security deposits not to exceed two months of rent; advance payment of last month's rent), tenant rights and responsibilities education, landlord/tenant mediation services, habitability inspections, case management services and connection to support services.

Mohawk Opportunities, Inc.

Mohawk Opportunities - PSH

Grant PIN: NY0575

Project Description: Mohawk Opportunities requests continued funding to support their PSH program in Schenectady County. This program provides rental subsidies for thirteen formerly homeless individuals with disabilities related to mental illness. This program utilizes a Housing First approach.

Mohawk Opportunities - CoC 14 Units

Grant PIN: NY0111

Project Description: Mohawk Opportunities requests continued funding to support their PSH program in Schenectady County. In the past year, this program served individuals with histories of chronic homelessness and diagnoses of severe mental illness through the provision of rental subsidies and supportive services. This program utilizes a Housing First approach.

City of Schenectady

YMCA Schenectady - S Plus C DUP09A 10 unit

Grant PIN: NY0107

Project Description: The City of Schenectady requests continued funding to support their Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. This project serves ten men ages eighteen and up who are Schenectady County Residents and are currently homeless with a disability. Each YMCA resident receives a room and case management services. All the men of the Shelter plus Care program are connected to an outpatient provider to address their disability. The case managers at the YMCA have weekly conferences with the clinical provider to ensure attendance and the follow through of the clinical requirements at the Residence Program.

YMCA Schenectady - S Plus C DUP09B 20 unit

Grant PIN: NY0108

Project Description: The City of Schenectady requests continued funding to support their Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. This project serves twenty men ages eighteen and up who are Schenectady County Residents and are currently homeless with a disability. Each YMCA resident receives a room and case management services. All the clients are connected to an outpatient provider to address their disability. The case managers at the YMCA have weekly conferences with the clinical provider to ensure attendance and the follow through of the clinical requirements at the Residence Program.