

## NEW PROJECTS

### **Bethesda House of Schenectady, Inc.**

#### **CARA House**

Bethesda House (BH) is requesting funding to support operation costs related to 26 permanent supportive housing (PSH) units/beds located on the second and third floors of BH's new and recently opened facility, Cara House. Cara House, an approved NYS OTDA project, addresses the critical need for affordable housing in Schenectady County. Bethesda House residential projects are evidence-based programs and offers services to address social determinants of health. Bethesda House's Cara House, new construction, was approved and supported by Schenectady CoC in response to the housing crisis. Funding is requested to support the operations costs that have increased and are higher than current funding supports. The PSH target populations are individuals who are chronically homeless, as defined by HUD. This includes individuals who are re-entering the community after incarceration, with an emphasis being placed on those with one or more disabling conditions.

### **YWCA of Schenectady**

#### **2025-2026 New DV Rapid Rehousing Program**

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 project is being proposed because the need for rapid rehousing services among domestic violence survivors still greatly outpaces our capacity. The proposed project will serve at least 14 more households through rental assistance, utility deposits, application fees, moving costs, transportation assistance, security devices, assistance with getting their IDs and personal documentation, and more.

## 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.

**Coordinated Entry Expansion:** Bethesda House is requesting expansion funds to bolster the Coordinated Entry program and ensure that it is appropriately staffed and supported.

### **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.

### 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.

## New Choices Recovery Center

### New Choices Renewal Project Application FY2023

**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.

**Rosa's House Expansion:** The YWCA is requesting expansion funds to bolster support services for this project.

### **YWCA DV Bonus 24-25 Consolidated**

**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 Renewal (new) DV bonus 23-24 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.

### **YWCA NEW 24-25 DV Bonus RRH**

**Grant PIN:** NY1497

**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.