NEW PROJECTS

Joseph's House and Shelter Inc.

JH Bethune

Project Description: This project will provide Transitional Housing (TH) for approximately 11 families with children experiencing prolonged homelessness and high service needs, including severe mental illness, co-occurring substance use disorders, and other disabling conditions. All entries occur through the CoC's Coordinated Entry System. Families are housed in scattered-site apartments throughout the community while receiving structured, comprehensive supportive services. Services include intensive case management, life-skills training, transportation assistance, tenancy preparation, and individualized safety planning—designed to increase stability and prepare participants for permanent housing. Strong community partnerships expand access to behavioral health care, primary medical services, employment and education support, legal assistance, and other specialized resources. Staff coordinate referrals, schedule appointments, and follow up to ensure engagement. Participation in supportive services is mandatory. Households work with staff on housing readiness, behavioral health stabilization, and self-sufficiency, supporting transitions to stable, permanent housing. The project is funded through CoC Program operations and supplemented by public and private supportive services. Staff assist participants in accessing mainstream benefits, including Medicaid, SSI, SNAP, and other resources to enhance income stability and successful housing outcomes.

JH Outreach Rensselaer Expansion

Project Description: The Street Outreach project is the primary access point for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Rensselaer County. Many individuals live in encampments, abandoned buildings, vehicles, or other places not meant for habitation and are disconnected from services due to trauma, mental health challenges, substance use, and deep mistrust of institutions. Without proactive outreach, they often remain unserved. By offering basic survival resources—food, clothing, blankets, hygiene items, transportation—we address immediate safety needs and open the door to housing-focused case management. Outreach acts as the critical bridge to shelter, medical and behavioral health care, identification and benefits enrollment, and long-term housing solutions. Staff develop individualized plans to reduce barriers, increase income, and support movement toward permanent housing, especially for those not yet ready to engage in traditional programs. The project maintains strong collaboration with first responders and hospitals, including Albany and Troy Police Departments, EMS teams, Albany Medical Center, and Samaritan Hospital. We respond to referrals for individuals found outdoors or in crisis, conduct welfare checks, deescalate situations, and coordinate access to shelter, treatment, transportation, or medical care. Hospitals contact our team for safe discharge planning when patients are homeless, enabling smooth transitions to shelter, case management, treatment, or housing navigation. These coordinated efforts result in quicker connections to appropriate services, reduced

reliance on emergency systems, improved safety, and more successful transitions to housing. Our long-standing partnerships demonstrate a unified community response to street homelessness. The team provides repeated engagement, flexible scheduling, and persistent follow-up, helping participants navigate shelter, treatment, benefits, identification, and housing applications. This model ensures that even service-resistant individuals have ongoing opportunities to engage, stabilize, and move toward permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

St. Paul's Center

SPC – Transitional Housing

Project Description: The target population for this transitional housing program is homeless families appearing on the coordinated entry wait list who meet the HUD requirements for admission to transitional housing programs.

SPC will develop, in concert with the admitted households, customized service plans that address the needs of each person in the household. Through the staff-tenant collaboration to develop this plan, goals specific to the tenant will be developed. Barriers identified by staff AND tenant will be identified and together, they will develop strategies to address those barriers. Such a process allows barriers to be addressed in a timely basis, with both parties working together to overcome. This collaborative process ensures the tenant has skin in the game by validating their experiences and concerns, and identifying and utilizing their individual strengths in a manner that moves them to housing stability and self-sufficiency.

Participation in support services by program enrollees will be required; prior to program admission, tenants must sign a Support Services Agreement that details program participation requirements and makes clear that the lack of participation may result in program discharge.

Through SPC's participation in the Social Care Network (1115 Waiver), all participants in the household will be screened to uncover the need for additional support services. Staff are being trained to provide enhanced navigation and housing navigation. Through current MOUs/linkage agreements, a variety of public and private providers will provide additional services and supports to housing tenants and through the Healthy Alliance's Unite Us referral platform, staff and tenants will be access to a broad variety of private and public supports.

Unity House of Troy Inc.

Unity House of Troy- UH 850

Project Description: Unity House of Troy is requesting funding for a new Transitional Housing project serving 64 households and 122 individuals. This Transitional Housing project will serve individuals and families who meet HUD eligibility for transitional housing, including those experiencing homelessness and seeking a pathway to permanent housing, with thirty two of the units reserved for survivors of domestic violence and participants who may have serious mental illness, substance use disorders, or other disabling conditions. Engagement in supportive services will be a condition of occupancy and service needs will be assessed through individualized service

plans, regularly scheduled home visits, and ongoing case management to monitor progress and address barriers in participants' living environments. The project will provide a comprehensive array of on-site services and partner with organizations including Capital Region Workforce Development while utilizing Unity House's holistic support model to deliver case management, mental health and substance use counseling, employment support, life skills programming, transportation assistance, eviction prevention resources, and safety planning, and connect participants to additional Unity House programs such as A Child's Place, Northeast Career Planning, ACT, CTI, MHOTRS, and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services. Participation in 20 hours of support services will be required and tracked to ensure a comprehensive, tailored package of supports that promotes recovery, housing stability, and self-sufficiency. The project will be supplemented with other resources from public and private sources, including Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, SNAP, Unity House's NOEP Coordinator, payee services, food pantry services, community meals, childcare, and employment-related resources through Northeast Career Planning and Capital Region Workforce Development, creating coordinated pathways for participants to build income, access essential supports, and achieve long-term housing stability.

Unity House of Troy- UH 309

Project Description: Unity House is requesting funding for a new Transitional Housing project serving 5 households and 7 individuals. This Transitional Housing project will exclusively serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who meet HUD eligibility for transitional housing. This includes those experiencing homelessness and seeking a pathway to permanent housing, including participants who may also have serious mental illness, substance use disorders, or other disabling conditions. Engagement in supportive services will be a condition of occupancy with service needs assessed through individualized service plans, case management, and ongoing monitoring through on-site sessions and home visits that address barriers, safety, and recovery. The project will operate within Unity House's Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (UHDSVS) program and provide and partner to deliver a comprehensive, trauma-informed array of services including intensive case management, mental health and substance use counseling, employment support, life skills programming, transportation support, safety planning, crisis intervention, legal assistance through the Unity House Law Project, childcare through A Child's Place, vocational and educational services through Northeast Career Planning, behavioral health supports through ACT, CTI, and MHOTRS, and employment training and placement through Capital Region Workforce Development, along with access to Sojourner Place, the Kathryn Allen Building, satellite offices, and coordinated system navigation. Participation in 20 hours of support services will be required and tracked as part of mandatory service plans to ensure a comprehensive, tailored package of supports that promotes recovery, housing stability, and self-sufficiency. The project will be supplemented with other resources from public and private sources, including Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, and SNAP, supported by Unity House's NOEP Coordinator, payee services, food pantry services, community meals, eviction prevention, childcare, and employment resources.

Unity House of Troy- UH 352

Project Description: Unity House is requesting

Unity House of Troy- UH 351

Project Description: Unity House is requesting funding for a new Transitional Housing project serving 14 households and 20 individuals. This Transitional Housing project will exclusively serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who meet HUD eligibility for transitional housing, including those experiencing homelessness and seeking a pathway to permanent housing. This includes participants who may also have serious mental illness, substance use disorders, or other disabling conditions. Engagement in supportive services will be a condition of occupancy with service needs assessed through individualized service plans, case management, and ongoing monitoring through on-site sessions and home visits tailored to promote safety and recovery. The project will operate within Unity House's Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (UHDSVS) program and provide and partner to deliver a comprehensive, trauma-informed array of services including intensive case management, mental health and substance use counseling, employment support, life skills programming, transportation assistance, safety planning, crisis intervention, legal assistance through the Unity House Law Project, childcare through A Child's Place, vocational and educational services through Northeast Career Planning, enhanced behavioral health supports through ACT, CTI, and MHOTRS, and employment training and placement through Capital Region Workforce Development, along with access to Sojourner Place, the Kathryn Allen Building, satellite offices, and coordinated system navigation. Participation in 20 hours of support services will be required and tracked through mandatory individualized service plans to ensure a comprehensive, tailored package of supports that promotes recovery, housing stability, and self-sufficiency. The project will be supplemented with other resources from public and private sources, including Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, and SNAP, supported by Unity House's NOEP Coordinator, payee services, food pantry services, community meals, eviction prevention, childcare, and employment-related resources through Northeast Career Planning and Capital Region Workforce Development, creating coordinated pathways for participants to build income, access essential supports, and achieve long-term housing stability.

YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.

YWCA – GCR – Apartment Program

Project Description: YWCA-GCR is requesting funding for a new Transitional Housing project serving 7 households (25 beds) consisting of families with minor children experiencing serious mental health needs, chronic instability related to untreated or undertreated behavioral health conditions, and risk of child welfare involvement due to unsafe or unstable living environments, with service needs identified during intake and reassessed continuously through individualized service plans based on treatment needs, safety considerations, employment goals, parenting responsibilities, and overall family stability. The program will provide and coordinate 20 hours per

week of customized, required supportive services through a full-time case manager who delivers safety planning, transportation coordination, individualized goal planning, and enhanced case management while partnering with healthcare, mental health, substance use treatment, childcare, education, workforce development, and housing providers to ensure access to mental health treatment, therapy, psychiatric care, crisis support, substance use treatment, parenting and family stabilization services, job readiness, employment coaching, adult education, childcare, food security programs, and health services. Participation in 20 hours of support services will be required as part of each household's occupancy agreement and will include weekly case management, mental health treatment or other behavioral health services, parenting and life skills activities, employment, education, and self-sufficiency services, and recovery and community support activities. The project will be supplemented by public and private resources including Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, WIC, SSI/SSDI, TANF, the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), local workforce programs such as STRIVE, Career Centers, and BOCES, and support from local foundations and community partners, with the case manager assisting participants in enrolling in and maintaining these benefits to support successful transitions to permanent housing.

YWCA – GCR – Family Apartment Program

Project Description: YWCA-GCR is requesting funding for a new Transitional Housing project serving 4 households (8 beds) consisting of families with 1 minor child experiencing serious mental health needs, chronic instability related to untreated or undertreated behavioral health conditions, and risk of child welfare involvement due to unsafe or unstable living environments, with service needs identified during intake and reassessed continuously through individualized service plans based on treatment needs, safety considerations, employment goals, parenting responsibilities, and overall family stability. The program will provide and coordinate 20 hours per week of customized, required supportive services through a full-time case manager who provides safety planning, transportation coordination, individualized goal planning, and enhanced case management while partnering with healthcare, mental health, substance use treatment, childcare, education, workforce development, and housing providers to ensure access to mental health treatment, therapy, psychiatric care, crisis support, substance use treatment, parenting and family stabilization services, job readiness, employment coaching, adult education, childcare, food security programs, and health services. Participation in 20 hours of support services will be required as part of each household's occupancy agreement and will include weekly case management, mental health treatment or other behavioral health services, parenting and life skills activities, employment, education, and self-sufficiency services, and recovery and community support activities. The project will be supplemented by public and private resources including Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, WIC, SSI/SSDI, TANF, the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), local workforce programs such as STRIVE, Career Centers, and BOCES, and support from local foundations and community partners, with the case manager assisting participants in enrolling in and maintaining these benefits to support successful transitions to permanent housing.

Catholic Charities Housing Office

St. Peter's Residence

Project Description: Catholic Charities Housing Office is requesting funding for a new Transitional Housing project serving 25 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, many of whom are aging, have a disabling condition, mental health issue, substance use disorder, experience domestic violence, poverty, and lack a family safety net. Service needs will be assessed through an initial Case Manager assessment, psychosocial history, needs assessment, and individualized strength-based service plans that identify factors contributing to homelessness and establish immediate and long-term goals. Catholic Charities Housing Office will provide and partner with organizations throughout the Capital Region to deliver support services necessary to obtain and maintain housing, including case management, housing stabilization, healthcare and mental health supports, substance abuse treatment, employment assistance, food security services, non-emergency transportation, medication and healthcare referrals, legal services referrals, senior services, disability supports, Community Maternity Services, AIDS Services, United Tenants Association, CC Food Pharmacy, Community Navigation, Meals-on-Wheels, VITA, Clinical Counseling, DePaul Senior Housing, Emergency Utilities Assistance, Health Homes, and Disability Support Services. Participation in 20 hours of support services will be required through individualized service plans and ongoing case management to promote self-sufficiency, positive health outcomes, housing stabilization, and homelessness prevention. The project will be supplemented with public and private resources including Kee to Independent Growth Inc., St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center (SPARC), CCHO's 1115 Medicaid Waiver program, and entitlement assistance programs such as Section 8, Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, SNAP, DSS rental assistance, and health insurance facilitators, with Case Managers assisting participants in accessing and maintaining benefits and community resources necessary for long-term housing stability.

Live Limitless Refuge Center

Live Limitless TH

Project Description: The Live Limitless Refuge Center is requesting funding for a new Transitional Housing project serving 31 individual women experiencing homelessness and survivors of domestic violence, women with disabilities, and those with limited income. The project will provide enhanced case management and partner with local organizations to offer transportation assistance, safety planning, peer support, and workforce development services, ensuring participants can obtain and maintain housing suited to their needs. Participation in these supportive services will be required through occupancy agreements and service contracts, reinforcing accountability and engagement. The program will also leverage mainstream resources such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP, along with partnerships with healthcare providers, childcare agencies, and workforce development programs, creating a comprehensive support network that promotes housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency.

Live Limitless SSO

Project Description: Live Limitless Refuge Center is requesting funding for a new Support Services Only Standalone project. Live Limitless Refuge Center, Inc. will strengthen its Support Services Only project by adding resources from both public and private partners to supplement CoC funding. Participants will be connected to mainstream programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, and SNAP to guarantee access to healthcare, income supports, and nutrition assistance. The project will also work with local workforce development agencies, housing providers, and community-based organizations to increase employment opportunities and supportive housing options. By aligning these external resources, Live Limitless ensures that participants receive comprehensive, coordinated services that support long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

Live Limitless Refuge Center, Inc. recognizes the vital role of HMIS in enhancing the Rensselaer County CoC's ability to coordinate care, track outcomes, and sup ort recovery. The project will use HMIS funds to improve data quality, ensure the prompt entry of universal data elements, and strengthen system-wide reporting that guides housing and service strategies. By integrating HMIS as an active case management tool, staff can monitor participant progress in real time, identify gaps in treatment or housing stability, and connect individuals with appropriate health, behavioral health, and social supports. HMIS resources will also be used to train staff in trauma-informed data practices, safeguarding participant privacy while utilizing information to boost service delivery. This investment will enable the CoC to enhance its coordinated response, reduce duplication, and foster long-term recovery and housing stability for participants.

RENEWAL PROJECTS

Unity House of Troy, Inc.

Unity House Troy - UH 800

Grant PIN: NY0146
Project Description: Unity House of Troy requests continued funding to support a PSH program serving 222 homeless and chronically homeless individuals, including survivors of domestic violence, and individuals living with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and other disabling conditions. The project is implemented through a collaborative partnership between Unity House's Community Housing Assistance Program (CHAP), Domestic Violence Services (UHDVS), Joseph's House, and the YWCA, with service needs assessed through client-driven, trauma-informed case management, individualized goals, and service plans reviewed at least annually. The project provides support services necessary to obtain and maintain housing, including case management support, housing search, emotional support, safety planning and crisis intervention, employment and income assistance, transportation services, food access,

information/referral and linkage services, and supplementary services including access to Unity House's food pantry, community meals, thrift store and voucher program, mobile outreach, payee services, clinical supports, supported employment, childcare, and on-site pharmacy services Survivors of domestic violence receive voluntary services and are connected to personal and systems support and accompaniment, individual and group therapy, and holistic civil legal consultation and representation. The project will be supplemented through strong partnerships with funded and non-funded providers and connections to local health and behavioral health providers, legal service organizations, and other community-based agencies offering specialized supports to enhance service delivery, maximize resource utilization, and support long-term housing stability and personal well-being.

Unity House Troy- Coordinated Entry for RCHSC

Grant Pin: NY1210
Project Description: UHDVS requests continued funding for the 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. This project dedicates 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.

JH - Bert's Place

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. The JH - Bert's Place project supports the Joseph's House Supported Housing Program, currently providing funding for 20 units of affordable and stable site-based housing at the Hill Street Inn. These units are dedicated for chronically homeless individuals who are reluctant or unable to succeed in more structured and/or restrictive environments, making the Joseph's House Supportive Housing Program a last resort for most of its tenants.
A majority of households served in the project have a history of chronic homelessness under the current definition, and many have been dually diagnosed with an active alcohol and/or substance abuse problem. New tenants for the project come through Coordinated Entry, typically via Joseph's House Emergency Shelter or directly from the streets. All tenants have a Housing Advocate who works with them within their life circumstances helping to link outside providers such as peer recovery supports, medical doctors, psychiatrists, clinicians, treatment, etc. when the tenant is ready. Support services, such as daily living skills, coordinated care, housing-based case management, entitlement support, and basic life skills are provided to help tenants increase their overall independence.

JH - Consolidated

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 JH Consolidated

project supports the Joseph's House Supported Housing Program, currently providing funding for units at the Lansing Inn and the Hill Street Inn, as well as apartments in the community. The Consolidated contract provides for 42 units of affordable and stable site-based housing dedicated for chronically homeless individuals who are reluctant or unable to succeed in more structured and/or restrictive environments, making the Joseph's House Supportive Housing Program a last resort for most of its tenants. Families with disabilities are served in scattered-site apartments in the community.

A majority of households served in the project have a history of chronic homelessness, and many have been dually diagnosed with an active alcohol and/or substance abuse problem. New tenants for the project come through Coordinated Entry, typically via Joseph's House Emergency Shelter or directly from the streets. All tenants have a Housing Advocate who works with them within their life circumstances helping to link outside providers such as medical doctors, psychiatrists, clinicians, treatment, etc. when the tenant is ready. Support services, such as daily living skills, coordinated care, housing-based case management, entitlement support, and basic life skills are provided to help tenants increase their overall independence.

JH – Rensselaer Coordinated Entry

Grant PIN: NY1094

Project Description: Joseph's House and Shelter requests continued funding for the current CE program in Rensselaer County, NY. The RCHSC Coordinated Entry committee has provided a significant level of outreach and engagement training to funded agencies as well as other community partners, to guide staff in understanding who is eligible for CoC-funded housing opportunities and how to refer eligible persons to CoC-funded housing. Although most referrals for CoC-funded housing 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 CoC-funded housing, as well as information relating to circumstances under which a household may be prioritized for PSH opportunities. 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.

CARES of NY, Inc.

Rensselaer County Portion of the Capital Region HMIS

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). CARES provides 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 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 and Strategic Planning Committee.

Rensselaer CoC Planning Project

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.