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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Awards Iowa \$9.1 Million for Homelessness Assistance Initiatives

Federal Homelessness Assistance Funding to Benefit Iowans in Need

(DES MOINES) –The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced that Iowa has been awarded more than \$9.1 million in federal funds to support homelessness assistance initiatives through the Continuum of Care (CoC) program.

HUD’s CoC program provides critically needed support to local programs on the front lines of serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The program is designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.

“Iowa received a 3.1% increase in funds awarded for homelessness assistance efforts through the highly-competitive program over last year,” said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Dave Jamison. “This is a credit to the system-wide performance improvements being made by partners throughout the state. These funds will soon be making a very real impact on the lives of Iowans in need.”

HUD strongly encouraged local applicants to prioritize their funding request very carefully, using a mix of performance data and local needs. In addition, applicants were encouraged to submit projects that were based on research-driven approaches and supported the nation’s goals to prevent and end homelessness.

The CoC competition allows planning organizations (called Continuums of Care or CoCs) to apply for the program through one annual consolidated application.

In Iowa, there are three CoCs, including Des Moines/Polk County, Sioux City/Woodbury County and the Iowa Balance of State CoC, which covers the rest of the state with the exception of Council Bluffs, as it is included in the Omaha CoC. The Iowa Finance Authority provides administrative support for the Iowa Council on Homelessness, which oversees the Balance of State CoC.

The Iowa Council on Homelessness reports that 11,890 Iowans experienced homelessness in 2016, a statistic that has been trending downward.

The Iowa Legislature created the Iowa Finance Authority in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. Since then, the Iowa Finance Authority’s role has grown to include 40 affordable housing, water quality and beginning farmer programs. The Iowa Finance Authority is a self-supporting public agency whose mission is to enhance the quality of life for Iowans.

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FY 2018 Iowa Continuum of Care Awards

Iowa Balance of State CoC	
Project	Award Amount
Eastern Iowa Regional Rapid Rehousing	\$99,705
Eastern Iowa Regional Rapid Rehousing II	\$54,094
HACAP Housing First	\$34,465
HACAP Housing First	\$343,264
Hightower Place Women and Children Transitional Program	\$106,208
Hillcrest Supportive Housing Program	\$46,590
Housing First Co	\$68,156
HUD V Rapid Rehousing	\$186,378
IA-501 CoC Planning Application FY2017	\$224,470
Iowa Balance of State Coordinated Entry Project	\$400,000
Iowa's Continuum Outcome and Universal Needs Toolkit 2017	\$346,578
Lighthouse Transitional Living Program	\$194,737
MCSA Rapid Rehousing Initiative	\$179,099
New Hope Transitional Living Program	\$132,205
Northeast Iowa Permanent Housing Program	\$206,692
Passport to Independence	\$230,280
Pathway 2 Independence	\$36,855
Permanent Housing	\$102,111
Permanent Housing Expansion	\$10,205
Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless	\$119,766
Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Expansion Project	\$11,315
Phoenix Housing Special Needs Assistance	\$82,411
Rapid Housing Initiative of North Iowa	\$182,035
Rapid Rehousing	\$224,129
Shelter House FUSE-Housing First	\$233,489
Shelter House Rapid Rehousing Renewal Expansion	\$55,117
Shelter House Rapid Rehousing Services	\$527,129
STAARS	\$161,945
Turning Point Rural Housing Project	\$264,946
Turning Point Rural Housing Project	\$26,904
YWCA Rapid Rehousing	\$71,899
YWCA Rapid Rehousing Expansion Project	\$7,276
Iowa Balance of State CoC Total:	\$4,970,453
Sioux City/Dakota, Woodbury Counties CoC	
Project	Award Amount
Bridges West Transitional Housing	\$130,609
Crossroads Shelter	\$124,292
Iowa's Continuum Outcome and Universal Needs Toolkit 2017	\$43,156
Project Help PSH	\$51,045
Rapid Rehousing	\$186,822
Siouxland Coordinated Entry 2017	\$186,608
Sioux City/Dakota, Woodbury Counties CoC Total:	\$722,532
Des Moines/Polk County CoC	
Anawim II 2017	\$271,711
Anawim S+C 2017	\$912,911
AnawimPSH(1) HOP 2017	\$444,065
AnawimPSH(1)H2H2017	\$208,208
IA-502 CoC Planning Project 2017	\$100,070

IHYC Youth Rapid Rehousing 2017	\$155,706
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Iowa Institute HMIS 2017	\$108,419
PHC_CI_2017	\$147,882
PHC_RRH(S&F)2_2017	\$73,653
Primary Health Care Rapid Rehousing (1) 2017	\$196,980
Primary Rapid Rehousing(2) 2017	\$78,183
West Des Moines Rapid Rehousing 2017	\$102,256
Des Moines/Polk County CoC Total:	\$3,415,691
Iowa Grand Total:	\$9,108,676

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