

[RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT]

Capital improvements to shelters soon underway

CSB is pleased to announce funding awards have been made for the 2010 Emergency Shelter Rehabilitation grant. \$250,000 in funding was made available by the **City of Columbus** to fund facility improvement projects in local emergency shelters. We received applications from six agencies and a total of \$682,336 in funding was requested. We carefully reviewed all requests before working with City staff on a final recommendation.

Projects will be funded at Huckleberry House, Lutheran Social Services/Faith Mission, Maryhaven, Southeast/Friends of the Homeless, Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio and YWCA of Columbus. The awards will be used for facility improvements including bathroom repairs, roofing needs and flooring improvements. We thank the City for making these funds available - they will provide critical improvements that are greatly needed in the emergency shelter system.

[HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION & RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM]

Stimulus funds available – proposals sought

As part of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, funding is available for a rapid re-housing program for single adults. The request for proposals is available [here](#) and the due date is July 23. The purpose of a rapid re-housing program is to provide temporary financial assistance and case management services to help persons gain housing stability. Re-housing programs work with people who are already homeless to help them quickly move into rental housing. Rapid re-housing programs tend to be short-term (from one month to up to 12 months) and involve housing location and financial assistance. Case management is essential to the success of the rapid re-housing effort.

Grant awards are expected to be made in late August. All submissions are welcomed and submitting agencies are not required to be already funded by CSB nor be a central Ohio organization to be considered. Providers may partner with other agencies, if they so chose. Direct any questions to Dave Davis at ddavis@csb.org

Adult System Improvements

The Adult System Improvement Collaborative Planning Team is currently meeting to discuss what the Franklin County shelter system aspires to be. They are examining their purpose and values as a system to address ending homelessness. Providers will take some time to look at best practices in other cities as well as use their creativity to serve this vulnerable population.

Transition Program

Efforts continue to increase the number of applications being received for financial assistance to help individuals and families exit shelter. CSB's Transition program is now funded with stimulus dollars. It is important that partner agencies use these funds to help individuals and families in shelters quickly exit to stable housing and allow other people in crisis to access shelter beds.

HUD requires that 30% of the HPRP funds be spent by 9/30/2010; 60% by 8/30/2011 and 100% by 8/30/2012, respectively. To ensure that the available funds are spent down adequately, CSB has given target numbers for financial assistance applications for each shelter to accomplish. We are closely tracking these numbers and if the shelters do not consistently meet these numbers, we may tie the applications to the agencies' contractual funding.

A landlord education event was held on June 17. CSB hosted more than 50 landlords and representatives from our partner agencies in an effort to increase their knowledge about our Transition program. Partner agency staff was able to meet new landlords and build new relationships. The event was well received and we are very pleased with the outcome.

[REBUILDING LIVES]

Citizens Advisory Council

We congratulate Citizens Advisory Council member **Dave Simmons** for recently graduating from The Ohio State University School of Social Work with a Bachelors in Social Work degree. The week following graduation, Dave began his classes towards obtaining his Master of Social Work degree at OSU.

We also congratulate another CAC member **Sheila Prillerman**, who was awarded a scholarship from the National Alliance to End Homelessness to attend its annual conference this month in Washington, D.C. Sheila's award included roundtrip airfare, ground transportation, hotel accommodations, conference registration and a stipend for meals not covered at the conference. Sheila participated in 'lobby day' activities during the conference, meeting with U.S. Senators and Representatives to discuss solutions to homelessness. Sheila inspired us by trudging through the streets of DC in 90 degree heat in her quest to participate in this federal policy work.

Sheila will share the insights she learned at the conference with the CAC at its next meeting on August 9.

Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative

The Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative (RLFC) will convene its next meeting on August 19. They will consider recommendations from the HUD Technical Review Committee on project prioritization for several funding processes and hear updates on the progress of other RL Strategies. The meeting agenda and materials will be posted to www.csb.org prior to the meeting.

HUD Funding for Supportive Housing

On July 7 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a funding award of \$190 million to assist 550 new homeless programs across the country. An amount of \$422,317 was awarded in Columbus and Franklin County to the Community Housing Network's 2009 Leasing Supportive Housing program which will provide 25 units of scattered-site supportive housing for single adults. HUD considered new project proposals separately from renewals that were announced in January of this year.

Tax Credit Hearings for Supportive Housing

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency has awarded 2010 tax credits to National Church Residences for its Commons at Third permanent supportive housing project. This represents the fourth NCR supportive housing project to be developed in this area. Commons at Third will be located in the Grandview area at Third Avenue and Norton, near Goodwill Columbus and the new Grandview Yards project. It will be a 100-unit facility with 60 of the units dedicated to Rebuilding Lives eligible persons. NCR will partner with Goodwill Columbus to provide services, bringing a focus on employment to the residents. Construction should begin in the summer of 2011.

Unified Supportive Housing System

The Unified Supportive Housing System (USHS) is currently in the lease-up phase of its third pilot, the newly built Commons at Buckingham (CAB). USHS is working in conjunction with National Church Residences (NCR) staff to implement lease-up and subsequent vacancy management for CAB. There is a projected 3 month lease-up for all units and move in will begin July 23. NCR is marketing these furnished efficiency units with CSB's help.

CAB will offer 100 units of permanent supportive housing for single adults. Of these units, 75 will be for Rebuilding Lives eligible clients, out of which 16 will meet the federal definition of chronic homelessness and 10 will be designated for veterans. The remaining 25 units will be for non-Rebuilding Lives eligible clients, with 15 ADAMH units and 10 NCR units for the medically disabled. In addition to handicap accessible units, CAB will also offer on-site case management, an employment resource center and 24/7 on site staffing.

Grand opening of Commons at Buckingham

Construction has been completed and the finishing touches are underway on the Commons at Buckingham. A grand opening event will be held on Thursday July 22 at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

All client applications are being processed by USHS for eligibility determination. Clients interested in obtaining housing with CAB must be referred either by a shelter, one of the outreach providers (Maryhaven Outreach, VA, Open Shelter, Southeast Outreach or Capital Crossroads), ADAMH providers or NCR. Only clients who have gone through the USHS eligibility process will be housed at CAB.

To date, 69 eligible applications have been referred to NCR for housing, which will go toward filling the 100 units. Of those 69 applications, 36 were eligible for Rebuilding Lives, 15 met the criteria for chronic homelessness, 7 were eligible for the veteran units, 3 were referred by ADAMH providers, and 8 were eligible for the medically disabled units. Shelters and outreach agencies will continue their efforts to increase the number of applications submitted to USHS.

To meet NCR's goal of 50 tenants for July, NCR is planning to move 16 residents in on the 23rd of July and the remaining 34 residents will move in the week of the 26th.

For more information please contact Isolde Teba at 614-221-9195.

The Unified Supportive Housing System is a collaborative effort managed by ADAMH, the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and CSB. These partners are working together with other agencies in the community including health, housing, shelter, and outreach providers. This work is sponsored by the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations, Battelle and Fannie Mae.

[PROGRAM UPDATES]

Family System

The Family System is now entering into a time of increased demand for shelter. The YWCA Family Center is overseeing all overflow implementation. The YWCA Family Center will move families attempting to access shelter into hotels until a space is freed up at the YWCA Family Center's facility. All families are provided ongoing case management and access to Family Center services. Each family that is housed in a hotel is transported by YWCA Family Center staff to the hotel at 7:00 pm, then picked up the next morning at 7:00 am to return to the YWCA Family Center facility in order to engage in services. Anyone with minor children in their custody and in need of shelter is urged to call the YWCA Family Center Intake Department at 614-253-7970.

[IN THE SPOTLIGHT]

Des Moines shelter providers study Columbus' model

CSB was pleased to host a group of shelter providers from Des Moines, Iowa for a recent visit. Sponsored by Nationwide, the group endeavored to learn the history of CSB's founding, understand the administrative structure and the collaboration that exists between homeless service providers and public funding bodies in Columbus. Thanks to **Friends of the Homeless, Huckleberry House** and the **YWCA Family Center** for providing tours and a peek at how you do your magic.

National Conference held in DC

Lianna Barbu, Michelle Heritage Ward and Tiffany Nobles had the opportunity to attend a national homelessness conference in Washington, DC July 12-14. Sponsored and organized by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the conference included many workshops on topics like the HEARTH Act and the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program. The event also included Capitol Hill Day activities which allowed dozens of Ohio advocates to meet with House and Senate officials.

As a member of the Alliance's Leadership Council, Michelle had the opportunity to participate in a special briefing given by Barbara Poppe on the new federal strategic plan to end homelessness, recently published by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Tours

In June CSB provided a tour of the YWCA Family Center for Bob James, **Mark Russell** and Patti Eshman of Grange Insurance. A tour of the Commons at Grant was held for **Barbara Benham** and Steven Fields of Huntington Bank.

In early July we provided a tour for Angela Chirico from Boehringer Ingelheim of Homeless Families Foundation and Briggsdale Apartments. Thanks to **Colleen Buzza** for arranging and attending this tour.

CSB News

Claire Patterson has tendered her resignation as Grants Administrator and her last day with CSB is July 30. She is moving on to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in the Unemployment Compensation Review Commission. Best wishes to Claire.

We have posted the Grants Administrator position and are accepting applications. This position administers the partner agency contract activities of the agency – monitoring provider agencies' contract performance to assure compliance with all applicable contracts, regulations, and laws governing non-profit operations. This includes managing the application, allocation and contract negotiation processes and the implementation of agency grants and contracts; and coordinating board and Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative approval and notification processes relative to grants administration. This position also manages the annual program review and certification process. See the attached posting for more information.

Upcoming Meetings

- < **Board2Board Dialogue**
Monday, October 11, 2010
9:30 am-1:00 pm
Nationwide's Heritage Room
One Nationwide Plaza
- < Check out the interactive calendar at www.csb.org under Resources for Our Partners < Meetings.

Attachments

- < Grants Administrator posting