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Heading Home Hennepin Newsletter

The Continuum of Care supports coordination of the countywide effort to prevent and end homelessness. This effort addresses homelessness at all levels. Continuum of Care committees include elected officials, housing and service providers, advocates, people who've experienced homelessness, and cross-sector partners.

HUD Continuum of Care Program Award Announcement

Hennepin County is pleased to announce that our community has been awarded \$17,941,640 in homeless assistance funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) program for fiscal year 2023. This represents a significant increase of more than \$2 million from the previous year's allocation of \$15.9 million.

Hennepin County's competitive application is reflective of our commitment to strong program outcomes, adherence to federal regulations, and the amazing work by our community partners to move the gauge on ending homelessness in Hennepin County. The additional funds from HUD will enable our community to expand housing solutions and services for people experiencing homelessness and add needed data software capacity.

Hennepin County will allocate funding to support the following new projects:

- Simpson Calvary Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Family Project – Permanent supportive housing for 33 families to exit homelessness. This project is currently in operation.
- Beacon/VOA, Vista 44 PSH Family Project – Permanent supportive housing for 25 families to exit homelessness. This project opens in quarter two of 2024

- PPL – Emerson Village PSH Family Project – Permanent supportive housing for 20 families to exit homelessness. This project opens in quarter four of 2024.
- Sabathani – Pathways Home PSH Family Project – Permanent supportive housing for two families and 18 single adults to exit homelessness. Project open date pending.
- Agate – PSH Family/Single Project – Permanent supportive housing for 57 families and 28 single adults to exit homelessness. Project open date pending.
- Rescue Now – Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Singles Project – Rapid re-housing services for 20 single adults to exit homelessness. Project open date pending.
- Institute for Community Alliance HMIS Software Expansion Grant

The newly funded projects will collectively provide approximately 137 PSH units for family households and 66 units for single households, contributing significantly to our community's housing needs in 2024 and moving forwards.

For further details and to view the complete list of funded projects, please visit the [Continuum of Care Competition Homeless Assistance Award Report for the state of Minnesota \(PDF\)](#).

We thank our partners and look forward to the positive impact these new projects will have on the lives of individuals and families facing homelessness.

Hennepin CoC seeks interest from community partners

In preparation for the release of the 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) new project pre-application in late April, Hennepin Continuum of Care (CoC) would like to hear from organizations that are interested in leveraging CoC funding for a new housing project.

Leveraging CoC funding can lead to additional points on our community's collaborative application. The following should be considered when thinking through potential projects:

- Housing leverage – Use CoC funds for support services, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and administration while leverage housing subsidies from another funding source.
- Healthcare leverage - Leverage health care for all participants

Hennepin CoC encourages organizations who do not currently receive HUD CoC funds as part of our NOFO process to express interest.

If you have a project or projects that are in alignment with the HUD CoC funds and Hennepin priorities, **please contact Laura DeRosier** - Laura.derosier@hennepin.us to set up time to meet regarding your project to assure it is ready to go!

For more information on the HUD Continuum of Care program funds, visit - [CoC: Continuum of Care Program - HUD Exchange](#)

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