

## **HOMELESS PROGRAMS**

### **State Homeless Emergency Grants Program: 1 agency**

- Assist Households who are unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, at risk of becoming homeless and have income at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI).
- Assist homeless household with housing, medical and other types of expenses arising from emergency needs including housing rental deposit and rent; utility costs and deposit.
- Participants must demonstrate a financial and emergency need which is directly related to impending eviction or be a direct barrier toward moving into permanent housing.
- Provide housing costs to avert imminent eviction which may include reasonable back rent and utility arrears that directly prevent a participant from being able to sign a lease or lose their current housing.
- Facilitate medical care or medicine, including emergency medical related expenses or purchase of supplies for special medical needs with supporting documentation.
- Provide transportation and job-hunting expenses or public assistance programs that will allow participants to secure employment or increase income to afford housing.

### **Housing Placement Program (TANF Funded): 4 agencies**

- Assist eligible Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) families who are homeless and at imminent risk of becoming and have income below the 2018 federal poverty level threshold of 250%.
- Provide for client assessment, linkage to appropriate landlords, and landlord/client intervention to assist with the transition into a rental unit.
- Provide assistance to families to quickly exit homelessness, return to housing in the community, and avoid future homelessness.
- Cultivate and outreach to new prospective landlords to rent to at imminent risk of homelessness or transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing in possession of Welfare to Work or a Section-8 voucher.
- Provide case management service and/or shall serve as the liaison with the landlord to ensure good landlord – tenant relations.
- Provide one to three payments of any combination of security deposit, first month's rent, utilities deposit or past due utilities, if necessary.
- Assist with increasing income to sustain permanent housing.

### **State Homeless Outreach Program: 7 agencies**

- Provide outreach services to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, permanent housing, or critical services designed to help homeless individuals and families.

- Assist individuals and families access permanent housing as rapidly as possible by assisting with quickly locating and accessing housing options and connecting them to services and supports that will support housing stability.
- Provide urgent, non-facility-based care and civil legal services to aid in access to permanent housing.
- Assist individuals or families to connect to services to meet their basic needs and access array of services offered by the homeless system.
- Assist individuals and families to develop housing plans, obtain needed documents for housing application process, and obtain income through public benefit and employment.

**State Homeless Outreach Program Legal Services: 1 agency**

- Provide statewide vital documents and identification cards in association with the State Homeless Outreach and Shelter Programs

**State Homeless Shelter Program: 16 agencies; 15 emergency shelters, 14 transitional shelters**

- Provide emergency and/or transitional shelter to increase their stability in the health, housing and social areas so that they may be able to obtain and retain permanent housing, attain economic independence and self-sufficiency for the long-term.
- Provide safe, appropriate, and immediate temporary low-barrier shelter for people with no viable alternative.
- Assist with access to permanent housing as rapidly as possible by removing barriers to program entry, assisting with quickly locating and accessing housing options.
- Assist with accessing income and benefits, and connecting to community services and supports to promote stability and prevent evictions and returns to homelessness.
- Assist individuals and families to develop housing plans, obtain needed documents for housing application process, and obtain income through public benefit and employment.
- Identify and locate suitable housing options and provide support through housing location and application processes.
- Provide tenancy skills and how to meet lease obligations.
- Provide shelter expectations that do not go beyond common lease.
- Provide 24-hour access 7 days per week to the shelter facility.
- Allow re-entry to homeless shelter program if services were previously accessed.
- Does not ban participants from services without prior authorization from funder.

**State Homeless Rapid Re-Housing Program: 5 agencies**

- Assist Households who are unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, imminently at-risk of homelessness and have income at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI).
- Provide assistance to unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, at imminent risk of becoming homeless individuals and families to access permanent housing as rapidly as possible.
- Assist with locating and accessing housing options.
- Provide move-in and rental assistance.
- Provide case management and post housing services to promote stability.
- Assist in eviction prevention and avoid returning to homelessness.

**State Homeless Permanent Supportive Housing / Housing First (HF) Program: 4 agencies**

- Provide support to chronically homeless individuals and/or families in stability and recovery.
- Assists to obtain and secure long-term permanent housing consistent with consumer choice principles.
- Provide necessary support to maintain housing and prevent recidivism to homelessness.
- Provide homeless individuals and/or families wrap around services to maintain housing.

**Family Assessment Center (FAC): 2 agencies**

- Serve unsheltered homeless families transitioning to permanent housing.
- FAC services are provided in a manner that is consistent with the HF approach.
- Offer families immediate access to outreach, shelter, and permanent housing as appropriate without unnecessary prerequisites.
- Provide 24-hour access 7 days per week to the FAC facility; all beds/units assigned with Case Management.
- Provide services focused on helping families access permanent housing as rapidly as possible and preventing returns to homelessness.
- Provide and/or assist participants to connect to services to address physical and mental health, addiction, employment, educational, and legal needs.
- Provide access to sanitary facilities; personal storage space; one nutritious meal per day or cooking and food supplies; adequate clothing or clothing bank; and bedding as needed.

### **Housing Opportunities For Persons With AIDS (Federal Program):**

1 lead administrative agency representing 3 separate agencies on Maui, Kauai and Hawaii Island

- Provide permanent housing placement with security deposits and ongoing rent subsidies for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS.
- Provide ongoing to maintain stability in housing.
- Provide short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance (STRMU), which is a short-term homelessness prevention and intervention benefit.

### **Emergency Solutions Grant Program (Federal Program): 4 agencies**

- Provide operational funds to emergency shelters.
- Provide financial assistance and supportive services to prevent homelessness among at-risk individuals and families.
- Provide financial assistance and supportive services to rapidly re-house those who are literally homeless, and to ensure stability after the ESG assistance ends.

### **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) COVID (CV) Program**

(1 Master Subrecipient; 3 Sub-subrecipients)

General Service Goals. ESGCV funds shall be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Target Population. COVID19-affected households who are unsheltered or sheltered homeless, or those households at-risk of becoming homeless. Within this target population, eligible households must be able to demonstrate a financial and emergency need which is a direct barrier toward obtaining or retaining permanent housing, or acquiring essential supplies and services to reduce the spread of COVID19.

#### **ESGCV Components:**

- Street Outreach  
Emphasis on integrated street and encampment outreach:
  - Emergency health and mental health services. Direct outpatient treatment of medical and mental health conditions by licensed professionals in unsheltered settings. Development of treatment plans and provision of medication and follow-up services in collaboration with other street outreach providers.
- Emergency Shelter  
Emphasis on funding for specialized shelters to provide medical respite, crisis, triage, and/or stabilization beds and support services to assist specific populations.
  - Shelter Operations

Support the operation of shelters, including supplies necessary to for the operation of the shelter and maintaining a sanitary shelter environment; protective equipment; and program participant hygiene and sanitation needs.

- **Essential Services**

Provide essential services including case management; child care; employment assistance and job training; outpatient health services; mental health services; eligible transportation costs; and eligible legal services.

- **Homelessness Prevention (HP) for households at risk of homelessness**

Assistance is provided to help the at-risk household regain stability in their current permanent housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability there. Housing relocation and stabilization services including counseling; securing and coordinating federal state and local benefits; providing information and referrals to other services; developing individualized housing plans and credit repair. Financial assistance is provided to prevent households from becoming homeless, including short and medium term rent payments; limited rent arrears; utility deposits and payments.

- **Rapid Re-housing (RRH) for homeless households**

Provide housing relocation and stabilization services in addition to financial assistance (as described in HP) to assist a homeless individual or family move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.