



Cecil County Health Department Homelessness Funding Announcement FY2025 Homelessness Solutions Program

As the local administrative agency for the Cecil County Local Homelessness Coalition (LHC), within the Balance of State Continuum of Care (MD-514), the following Notice of Homelessness Solutions Program (HSP) funding in the amount of up to **\$409,391** is announced for the fiscal year 2025.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, administers HSP, which brings a number of different funding sources together in order to provide one consolidated stream of funding for local Continua of Care (CoCs) to address homelessness. The local Continuum of Care strategically allocates funding based on the needs of the community. Cecil County Health Department serves as the pass through agency and oversees the local application process as well as ongoing programmatic and fiscal oversight. Funding decisions and oversight are carried out by a subcommittee of the Local Homelessness Coalition.

HSP

HSP funds are made available in order to assist households experiencing homelessness to be connected with emergency shelter, quickly regain stability in permanent housing and to prevent households from becoming homeless. The goals of the program include efforts to: 1) Provide shelter as a crisis response for people experiencing homelessness; 2) Reduce the number of individuals/households who become homeless; 3) Shorten the length of time an individual or household is homeless; 4) Reduce the number of individuals/households that return to homelessness; and 5) Provide rental assistance payments to people at risk of being homeless.

Activities Eligible for Funding:

See Attachment titled Eligible Activities & Costs. Please note some activities are only applicable to the LHC Lead Agency.

Cecil County's collective application to DHCD will dedicate 50% of the \$409,391 to Rapid Rehousing in order to maximize the opportunity for the full funding amount.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible sub-grantees may be government agencies or nonprofit organizations. They must demonstrate collaboration with local homelessness provider groups and local mainstream service providers, and are expected to participate in Cecil County planning of the homelessness services system. They also must comply with program guidelines and any applicable state and federal policies and procedures, including compliance with federal and state non-discrimination laws.

Sub-grantees must demonstrate 1) effectiveness in connecting clients who are most in need of services with shelter and permanent housing; 2) acceptable past performance

on federal- and state-administered grants; 3) organizational structure, operating process, and capacity; 4) participation in appropriate provider groups and local Continuum of Care meetings; and 5) organizational financial policy, controls, stability, and capacity, including the presence and accuracy of financial management systems, accounts, funds, reports, and other documentation.

Sub-grantees must have the capacity to enter data into the designated Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) and comply fully with HMIS requirements.

FY25 funding covers an 18 month grant period of **July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025**.

There is a 25% fiscal match requirement.

The population served with this funding must meet HUD income guidelines and/ or definitions of “homeless” or “at risk of homelessness” indicated by the grant source.

Applications should be submitted electronically by April 24th, 2024 via email to:

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