



## **Cecil County Health Department Homelessness Funding Announcement**

As the local administrative agency for Cecil County, within the Balance of State Continuum of Care (MD-514), the following notice of funding in the amount of **\$1,108,738** is announced below for fiscal year 2022.

This total amount combines several grants administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) which are passed through the local Continuum of Care to strategically allocate 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.

The specific sources of the funding include Homelessness Solutions Program, Emergency Solutions Grant-CV2, and the Emergency Housing Program.

### **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 short-medium term rental assistance payments to people at risk of being homeless.

### **EHP**

The Emergency Housing Program was funded under the State RELIEF Act, which provided \$15 million (Statewide) in additional funding for up to 30 days of emergency housing in order to respond to the economic crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **ESG-CV2**

This supplemental funding was awarded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 to assist Marylanders who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness as a result of Covid-19.

### **Award 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 Continuum of Care planning. They also must comply with program guidelines and 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).

### **Activities Eligible for Funding:**

1. **Emergency Shelter:** Operations of the shelter, such as rent and utilities, as well as services provided by the shelter, including case management.
2. **Hotel/Motel.** Vouchers and master leases to secure hotel/motel rooms to de-congregate shelters.
3. **Street Outreach:** Cost of delivering services, staffing, etc.
4. **Homelessness Prevention:** Rental arrears or security deposit assistance for those at risk of homelessness, staffing
5. **Rapid Rehousing:** Security deposit, financial assistance, short, medium, or long term rental assistance for those experiencing homelessness, staffing

The period of the grant year will be determined at the time of the award of the contract.

There may be a 25% fiscal match requirement depending on which source of funds is awarded.

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 by email by April 30, 2021 to:

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