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COLUMBUS/FRANKLIN COUNTY SECURES UNPRECEDENTED FEDERAL FUNDING BOOST FOR HOUSING

Columbus/Franklin County procured an unprecedented federal funding award by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In its latest announcement for the annual Continuum of Care competition, the Columbus/Franklin community has been granted a record-breaking award exceeding \$24M.

The Continuum of Care is a 41-member governing body made up of representatives of relevant and diverse stakeholders that carries out a commitment to ending homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County.

In a significant development, all existing projects in the community secured renewal funding, coupled with a 6% increase totaling more than \$1.3M. This adjustment addresses fair market rent increases and fortifies the ongoing efforts to support our community's housing initiatives.

Moreover, the Columbus/Franklin County community achieved a remarkable milestone with the approval of funding for five new projects, amounting to over \$2.3M. This marks an unprecedented achievement, as the community has never before received funding for such a substantial number of new projects simultaneously, receiving the maximum award amounts available for renewal and new projects the second year in a row. The infusion of these federal funds serves as a stabilizing force, aligning with the Continuum of Care's shared mission to ensure that every member of our community has a place to call home.

These five new transformative projects will shape the community's future:

Homefull

Homefull will repurpose a hotel structure located at 1289 Dublin Granville Road in Columbus into permanent supportive housing, offering single room occupancy units and onsite supportive services. This initiative is specifically designed for single adults experiencing homelessness, with funding allocated to assist 70 individuals grappling with chronic homelessness due to mental illness, substance addiction, dual diagnosis, and/or physical disabilities.

Community Housing Network – Scioto Rise

Scioto Rise, located at 3245 Morse Road in Columbus, will comprise of 60 housing units, with 48 units dedicated to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. Recognized as the #1 priority project by the Continuum of Care, the development is

set to be submitted for tax credits to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) in February. Pending successful tax credit allocation, development will commence and lease-up is slated for the winter of 2026.

Community Housing Network – Knoll View Place

Another innovative endeavor by Community Housing Network, Knoll View Place, will introduce a new 50-unit building at 897 East Mound Street in Columbus. With 46 units designated for those experiencing chronic homelessness, including 30 units replacing an existing CHN's permanent supportive housing development, this project is a priority submission for OHFA tax credits, ranked #1 by the ADAMH Board of Franklin County. Pending successful tax credit allocation, development will commence, and lease-up is anticipated for the winter of 2026.

YMCA of Central Ohio – McKinley Manor

Opening this month, McKinley Manor, a collaborative effort between YMCA of Central Ohio and Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, provides 44 units of permanent supportive housing for seniors aged 55+ experiencing chronic homelessness. The newly awarded funding will cover essential front desk staff costs, ensuring the seamless operation of this vital initiative.

LSS CHOICES

A joint Transitional and Rapid Re-Housing project, LSS CHOICES aims to offer victims of intimate violence swift access to crisis housing, without pre-conditions, and a clear pathway from crisis housing to rapid rehousing. 43 households will be served at any point in time either in transitional housing by CHOICES or in rapid rehousing through a collaboration with YMCA of Central Ohio.

“We extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all projects, both renewing and new, that have received this crucial funding,” said Shannon TL Isom, President + CEO of Community Shelter Board. “Your unwavering commitment is instrumental in realizing our collective vision of ensuring that everyone in our community has a place to call home.”

MORE ABOUT THE CONTINUUM OF CARE

A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a planning body made up of representatives of relevant organizations within a geographic area to carry out a community-wide commitment to ending homelessness. In Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio, the Continuum of Care provides stewardship for all the strategies developed under the community plan to address homelessness, called [A Place to Call Home](#). The Continuum of Care:

- provides funding for the capital, services, and operations of housing in Columbus and Franklin County;
- coordinates activities for the community plan to address homelessness;
- promotes collaboration to achieve goals and strategies; and
- secures resources for programs and projects.

The Continuum of Care is designed to involve all the players required to further local efforts to end homelessness. The purpose for including stakeholder representation from

a wide range of organizations within a geographic area is to ensure that all community stakeholders participate in developing and implementing a range of housing and services.

<https://www.columbusfranklincountycoc.org/>

MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD

Community Shelter Board (CSB) leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home in Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio. As the system leader for the prevention and response to homelessness in central Ohio, CSB collaborates with service provider organizations in Franklin County, creating a responsive network to ensure an effective and readied use of community resources for people experiencing homelessness. Over the past 10 years, CSB's system of care has housed more than 35,000 men, women, and children facing homelessness.

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