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Community Alert: Funding Support Ending for Displaced Residents of Colonial Village

Since November 2023, Community Shelter Board (CSB) has been actively assisting families displaced from Colonial Village, deemed unsafe, in finding secure, temporary housing. In collaboration with the City of Columbus, we have relocated 534 households—over 1,300 people—to hotel accommodations.

Key Points:

- CSB has managed operations across eight hotels.
- 200 households have moved out, with approximately 90 securing permanent housing.
- 334 households remain in hotels as of May 19, 2024.
- City funding for temporary housing ends on June 28, 2024.

Next Steps:

1. Households notified May 25, 2024, must exit hotels by June 28, 2024, or arrange their own payments to stay.
2. Columbus City Council is sponsoring additional support for case management and legal services in June.
3. CSB, along with RH Brown & Associates and COMPASS, will continue to develop housing plans and assist with applications and rental assistance.
4. Coordination with Columbus City Schools, Franklin County Job & Family Services, and other partners will ensure uninterrupted benefits and services as families transition to new homes.

Household Assistance:

- Text notifications sent on May 25, 2024, with meetings at hotels from May 27 to May 31.
- Each household has a dedicated Housing Lead for personalized support in finding housing solutions.
- Options include independent housing, shared housing arrangements, and relocation with family or friends.

Concerns:

- Households unable to find housing by June 28, 2024 will strain the homeless system.
- There are significant waitlists for single adult shelters.
- Households without children will be placed on shelter waiting lists, with average wait times of approximately 14 days.
- Several factors, including work restrictions for asylum seekers and limited affordable housing, complicate the housing search.

CSB remains steadfast in its mission to ensure every community member has a place to call home. We are committed to supporting these families through this challenging time.

For assistance, affected households should contact their assigned Housing Lead.

ABOUT 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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