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Community Shelter Board Receives \$2 Million in State Support to Combat Homelessness

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — Community Shelter Board (CSB) announced today that it will receive \$2 million in state support through the Ohio Department of Development to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness across Franklin County. The funding comes from the HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Non-Congregate Shelter program, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Development. This program helps agencies like CSB provide a safe, private living environment for people experiencing homelessness by supporting the creation and expansion of non-congregate shelters across Ohio.

“This is an important step in addressing homelessness across Ohio,” said Lydia Mihalik, Director of the Department of Development. “By supporting the creation of these non-congregate shelters, we’re offering more than just beds. We’re providing a safe, private, and supportive environment where Ohioans can find stability and begin their journey to permanent housing. We must continue to invest in solutions like this to ensure all Ohioans have the opportunity to thrive.”

Today’s award will help CSB acquire a 42-unit, 56-bed facility that will serve single men, women, and youth under the age of 25. The project is expected to serve 180 families and 200 individuals annually during its duration.

In total, three nonprofit organizations will receive a share of \$6 million to create 76 units of non-congregate shelter with 108 beds, serving more than 500 individuals and families throughout Ohio. These new units will provide much-needed support for those seeking an alternative to traditional shelter settings.

Non-congregate shelters offer separate sleeping spaces and bathroom facilities, ensuring increased privacy for residents. In addition to creating safe, temporary shelter options, all three grantees will leverage approximately \$63.3 million over the next 10 years through additional funding sources.

“Community Shelter Board continues to find innovative ways to create safe, temporary shelter options for our growing community,” said Shannon TL Isom, President & CEO of the Community Shelter Board. “With the support of the Ohio Department of Development, CSB will continue to advocate for the resources our community needs. We are unapologetically proud of our system’s readiness, agility, and the quality of our data. This has paid off, making CSB one of only three nonprofits to receive these catalytic dollars statewide. We are committed to combating homelessness on all fronts. In fact, CSB, along with our partners, is committed to ending it.”

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About Community Shelter Board

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated community effort to ensure that 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 to create a responsive network that ensures effective and ready 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.

Community Shelter Board is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Columbus, Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the State of Ohio, United Way of Central Ohio, Nationwide Foundation, American Electric Power Foundation, The Columbus Foundation, and many other public and private investors. Visit us at www.csb.org.

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