

Alternate Housing: Programs and Funding

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- 10,000 Foot View of Alternate Housing
- Illinois Housing Development Authority: The Cares Act and Housing Funding
- Illinois Department of Human Services: Homeless Services Programs
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Available Resources & Upcoming Events
- Questions



What is Alternate Housing?



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES
OFFICE OF ADULT SERVICES AND BASIC SUPPORTS
HOMELESS SERVICES PROGRAMS



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IDHS HOMELESS SERVICES PROGRAM COVID 19 RESPONSE

- **The Homeless Prevention Program** is designed to stabilize families in their existing homes, shorten the amount of time that individuals and families stay in a shelter, or assist individuals and families with securing affordable housing. Allowable costs for homeless prevention include rental/mortgage assistance, security deposit assistance and utility assistance.
- **Covid -19 spending = \$1,349,500**



IDHS HOMELESS SERVICES OVERVIEW

- **The Emergency & Transitional Housing Program (Shelters)** gives immediate and comprehensive shelter services to homeless persons and persons at risk of becoming homeless. The program provides funding for meals and shelter.
- **Covid -19 spending = \$510,000**



IDHS HOMELESS SERVICES OVERVIEW

- **The Supportive Housing Program** provides supportive services coupled with housing to low -income individuals and families who are formerly homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The supportive services include advocacy, case management, various counseling services, outreach, alcohol and substance abuse counseling, mental health programs, employment services, transportation, childcare and other eligible services deemed necessary for the residents of permanent or transitional facilities to live independently in the community.
- **Covid -19 spending = \$958,057**



IDHS HOMELESS SERVICES OVERVIEW

- Special Covid-19 funding was initiated in the beginning of the crisis to ensure that the homeless providers would have adequate capacity for non-congregate care. The funds were used for the purchase of hotel rooms to house the homeless.

City of Chicago (All Chicago Homeless Services) = \$3,000,000

Rest of State (Continuums of Care) = \$3,000,000

Total GRF spending = \$8,817,557



IDHS ESG Cares Act

- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** – federally supported grant from the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development. If grantees are applying for FEMA funds, all other funds must be exhausted before using ESG funds. HUD is allocating IDHS Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds in the amount of **\$18,159,983**, under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).



IDHS ESG Cares Act

IDHS Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program \$18,159,983

- Street Outreach funds may be used for costs of providing essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people; connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services; and provide urgent, non -facility -based care to unsheltered homeless people who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility.
 - Covid -19 spending = \$ 584,639
- Emergency Shelter funds may be used for costs of providing essential services to homeless families and individuals in emergency shelters.
 - Covid -19 spending = \$4,864,234



IDHS ESG Cares Act

IDHS Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program \$18,159,983

- Homeless Prevention funds may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short - and/or medium -term rental assistance necessary to prevent individuals or families from becoming homeless.
 - Covid -19 spending = \$5,265,500
- Rapid Rehousing funds may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short - and/or medium -term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
 - Covid -19 spending = \$5,317,290



IDHS HMIS & ADMINISTRATION

- HMIS funds may be used for costs of Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a locally administered, electronic data collection system that stores longitudinal person - level information about persons who access the homeless service system. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) participation a statutory requirement for ESG recipients and subrecipients.
 - Covid -19 spending = \$312,322
- Administration funds can be used for up to 7.5% of a recipient's fiscal year grant for administrative activities, such as general management, oversight, coordination, and reporting on the program.
 - Covid -19 spending = \$1,815,998





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The CARES Act and Housing Funding



HUD and CARES Act Funding

- HUD received \$12.4 billion nationally in supplemental program funding, including;
- \$5B-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) -In Illinois, to DCEO, and 33 municipalities and 8 counties ("CDBG Entitlement grantees)
- \$4B-Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)-In Illinois, to IDHS and 5 municipalities and 4 counties (ESG grantees)
- \$1.25 B in Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). or Housing Choice Vouchers -to local Public Housing Authorities
- \$685 M-for Public Housing Operating Fund
- \$1 B-Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)

- TBRAand PHOF-Funding goes directly to the 110 PHAs in Illinois with public housing and/or HCV programs to met the rental income shortfall caused by reduced tenant rent contributions due to unemployment/layoffs
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CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

- Newly created program under CARES Act to provide funding to State and larger (over 500,000 population) local governments to respond to public health and related housing/services needs to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Illinois received \$4.9 B, which included the city of Chicago and six Chicago metro area county allocations
- Illinois General Assembly recently appropriated \$396 Million to IHDA to establish three new programs: emergency rental assistance, emergency mortgage assistance, and gap financing for affordable housing projects
- Of this amount, \$100 Million targeted to disproportionately impacted areas, \$79 Million to areas not receiving direct local funding, and \$217 Million statewide
- Anticipated roll-out of these new programs and application process tentatively to be announced in August



ONGOING/IHDA

- See IHDA website www.ihda.org under “About Us” to go to the “COVID -19 Housing Resources Information” link, which includes information on the new ERA and EMA programs, as well as links to other important housing resources.
- See the IHDA website for access to <http://ilhousingsearch.org/>, a searchable database established by IHDA and three partner State agencies to help persons find available affordable housing.
- Also see IHDA website (www.ihda.org) for additional information on rental assistance, including links to PHAs and Local Administering Agencies



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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT



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Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

- One piece of the Social Safety Net
- As a block grant Federal funds are passed through the State to the eligible entity
- Illinois has a network of 35 Community Action Agencies (CAAs)
- Scope of work is determined at the local level
- Annual requirements
 - ✓ Community Needs Assessment
 - ✓ Community Action Plan
- Ultimate Goal of Family Stabilization



CSBG– PROGRAM SERVICES OVERVIEW

- Scholarships (35)
- Food Assistance (30)
- Rental Assistance (26)
- Transportation Services (26)
- Temporary Housing (16)
- Prescription Assistance (15)
- Health & Safety Home Repairs (13)
- Emergency Clothing (12)
- Job Readiness Training (12)
- On The Job Training (12)
- Vocational Training (11)
- Rent Deposits (10)



CSBG– ADDITIONAL SERVICE BENEFITS

- Case Management
 - Whole Family Approach
 - Bundling of Services
- Eligibility Determinations
 - Other Programs offered by CAA
 - Programs offered outside of CAA
- Information and Referral
- Appeals Process
- Homeless Programs
 - Housing
 - Mental Wellness
- Reentry Programs
- Migrant/Farmworker Programs
- Domestic Violence Programs
- Senior Programs
 - Maintain independent living
 - Nutrition



CSBG FUNDING STREAMS

- REGULAR CSBG
 - \$34.5 Million
 - \$31.5 Million directly to CAA's
- CSBG CARES ACT
 - \$47.2 Million
 - \$43.5 Million directly to CAA's
- Allocation of funds
 - Proportion of states poverty within the service area
 - Discretionary programs
 - CSBG- \$1.3 Million
 - CSBG CARES Act \$1.4 Million



CSBG COVID-19 RESPONSE

- CARES ACT provides an additional \$45 million in aid
- State is in process of revising the State Plan
- Community Action Agencies
 - Transition to operating remotely
 - Updated Community Needs Assessment (CNA)
 - Updated Community Action Plans based on CNA's
- Increased Outreach Efforts
 - WWW.HELPILLINOISFAMILIES.COM
 - 1-833-711-0374



ADDITIONAL COVID -19 HOUSING RESPONSES

Not all agencies had housing prior – all 35 now

Various housing assistance – Rent/Mortgage, Temporary Shelter, Hotel/Motel, Transitional Housing, security deposits, emergency homeless shelters

Additional housing assistance – Utility Assistance (primary heating source, water/sewer), low cost health and safety repairs, handicap accessibility issues



ADDITIONAL COVID -19 OTHER SERVICES RESPONSES

Car insurance, Car plate renewals

Transportation needs

Childcare

Technology needs for remote learning

Food assistance



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Upcoming Events

The Alternate Housing Team will be hosting workshops:

- June 25 Workshop #4: Best Practice Sharing
- July 1 Workshop #5: Wrap Around Services & Planning for All



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