



To: Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Board of Directors
From: Real Estate Department
Date: February 23, 2023
Re: Supportive Services for the Emergency Housing Vouchers Program Award Recommendation

Background

Through the American Rescue Plan Act, public housing agencies (PHA) in the state of Indiana were allocated 723 emergency housing vouchers (EHVs) to assist households experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority was allocated 338 vouchers. The EHV program provides tenant-based rental assistance to households referred to the PHA by the local Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System. Households considered eligible for EHV include those that are 1.) Homeless; 2.) At risk of homelessness; 3.) Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or 4.) Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

IHCDA partnered with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) to provide \$5,872,802.00 in funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) to make supportive services to available to persons that have an EHV and have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED). Eligible supportive services through the MHBG funding include outreach and in-reach services, case management, tenancy supports, employment assistance and job training, substance use treatment services, applying for insurance, mental health services, life skills training, referral to legal services, and SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) application.

IHCDA additionally allocated \$5,000,000.00 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Supportive Services to ensure that all households with an EHV are offered a comprehensive set of supportive services that promote long-term housing stability. Eligible supportive services include child care, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing search and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations (such as victim services), financial assistance costs, and certain housing counseling services provided by a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency. Funding recipients will be required to bill for services that are covered by Medicaid (ex. Medicaid Rehabilitative Option, outpatient mental health services covered through Medicaid package) first in cases where an individual qualified and has a corresponding package prior to utilizing funds from this award to pay for supportive services.

Process

The Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") was released on November 4, 2022, with an informational webinar conducted on November 28, 2022. Responses to the RFQ were due on December 19, 2022. Eligible respondents were certified by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)

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Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) as a Community Mental Health Center (CMHC). IHCDA received five responses. IHCDA also gave consideration for additional funding to one organization that was awarded funds under a previous iteration of the RFQ. IHCDA has a total of \$4,737,206 in HOME-ARP funds and \$5,725,982.01 in MHBG funds available for allocation.

An IHCDA selection committee individually reviewed all responses and then met as a group to discuss the merits of each. The selection committee’s review and funding recommendation was based upon the following factors:

- Compliance with the RFQ submission requirements;
- Financial capacity;
- Relevant experience of respondent providing services to households experiencing homelessness and housing instability;
- Program description and service delivery plan; and
- Description of key staff.

Key Performance Indicators

IHCDA will track the following Key Performance Indicators for this Supportive Services Award:

1. The number of eligible participants that receive supportive services in the program
2. The number of eligible participants enrolled in Medicaid services through participation in the program
3. The number of participants that remained stably housed after the first year in the program
4. The amount of funds disbursed

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve an award of HOME Investment Partnerships Program American Rescue Plan Act funding in the amount of \$1,099,585, and an award of Mental Health Block Grant funding in the amount of \$1,560,192 to the organizations set forth in Table A below.

Table A

Applicant	Counties Served	HOME-ARP Award #	HOME-ARP Award Recommended	MHBG Award Number	MHBG Award Recommended
Aspire Indiana	Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Madison	HA-023-007	\$165,975	MHBG-023-001	\$190,074
Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, Switzerland	HA-023-008	\$13,831	MHBG-023-002	\$15,840
Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living, Inc.	Lake	HA-023-009	\$373,444	MHBG-023-003	\$427,667
Hamilton Center, Inc.	Clay, Greene, Park, Vermillion, Vigo	HA-023-010	\$214,385	MHBG-023-004	\$245,512
Park Center, Inc.	Allen	HA-023-011	\$331,950	MHBG-023-005	\$380,148
Valley Oaks Health	Tippecanoe			MHBG-023-006	\$300,951

Action Needed

Staff respectfully requests that the Board approve the following resolution:

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