



Special Needs Housing

Recommended FY18 Budget
\$20,760,847

Full Time Equivalents
65.50

FUNCTION

The vision of the staff of Special Needs Housing (SNH) is a community where all persons have access to safe, affordable housing and the opportunity to achieve a higher quality of life. The mission of SNH is to make homelessness a rare, brief, and non-recurring event by operating from a Housing First philosophy. Housing First recognizes that people are most successful when they have choice in housing and seeks to eliminate barriers such as sobriety requirements or treatment compliance. SNH provides a full continuum of services including housing stabilization, homeless diversion, and permanent housing; and employs evidence-based and promising practices. The mission cannot be achieved without collaborating with public and private partners through the Interagency Commission on Homelessness. Special needs populations include veterans, individuals and families, persons with behavioral health challenges, individuals with developmental disabilities, and transitioning youth and seniors with disabilities experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Program Contacts

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Program Descriptions

☀ Chief Special Needs Housing

This program provides leadership and direction for the administration of Special Needs Housing, and advises the Interagency Commission on Homelessness (ICH) and Montgomery County Continuum of Care (CoC).

FY18 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY17 Approved	419,213	3.00
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	(12,383)	0.00
FY18 Recommended	406,830	3.00

☀ Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing provides permanent housing and long-term support services to single adults and families. The single adult or head of household must have a documented disability. Flexible and individualized case management services are

provided to support clients in maintaining housing and fostering independence.

Program Performance Measures	Actual FY15	Actual FY16	Estimated FY17	Target FY18	Target FY19
Percentage of households remaining housed at least 12 months after placement in permanent supportive housing	95	96	95	95	95
FY18 Recommended Changes			Expenditures		FTEs
FY17 Approved			2,774,080		9.90
Add: Continuum of Care Program Grant			44,250		0.00
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.			90,686		0.00
FY18 Recommended			2,909,016		9.90

Rental & Energy Assistance Program

The Maryland Energy Assistance Program and Electric Universal Service Program provide financial assistance to eligible low-income households to pay home heating and energy costs. The Rental Assistance and Handicapped Rental Assistance Programs provide subsidies to low-income renters, persons with disabilities, and families with dependent children.

Program Performance Measures	Actual FY15	Actual FY16	Estimated FY17	Target FY18	Target FY19
Average number of households receiving a rental subsidy each month	1,731	1,668	1,720	1,720	1,720
FY18 Recommended Changes			Expenditures		FTEs
FY17 Approved			4,849,163		14.00
Add: State Emergency Solutions Grant			72,000		0.00
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.			(240,515)		1.00
FY18 Recommended			4,680,648		15.00

Shelter Services

Homeless Services provides emergency and transitional shelter to homeless families and single adults. Services include street outreach and engagement, comprehensive needs assessments, and case management to link persons experiencing homelessness to housing, behavioral health, financial, and legal programs. The goal is to place single adults and families in stable and permanent housing as quickly as possible.

Program Performance Measures	Actual FY15	Actual FY16	Estimated FY17	Target FY18	Target FY19
Average length of stay in days by homeless families in emergency shelter	98	91	90	89	89
Number of families placed in emergency shelters	119	129	132	132	132
FY18 Recommended Changes			Expenditures		FTEs
FY17 Approved			7,391,138		3.00

FY18 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	177,914	0.00
FY18 Recommended	7,569,052	3.00

Housing Stabilization Services

Housing Stabilization Services provides intake and assessment for County households that are experiencing a housing-related emergency. The program's focus is on crisis intervention and prevention. State and County grants are provided to prevent evictions and utility cut offs. Additionally, referrals are made for income support programs such as Temporary Cash Assistance. Case Management services are provided to help at-risk households develop and implement plans to prevent a future housing crisis.

FY18 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY17 Approved	5,825,234	34.60
Decrease Cost: Realign Funding for Emergency Housing Assistance to Reflect Historical Trends	(500,000)	0.00
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	(129,933)	0.00
FY18 Recommended	5,195,301	34.60

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Name	FY17 APPR Expenditures	FY17 APPR FTEs	FY18 REC Expenditures	FY18 REC FTEs
Chief Special Needs Housing	419,213	3.00	406,830	3.00
Permanent Supportive Housing	2,774,080	9.90	2,909,016	9.90
Rental & Energy Assistance Program	4,849,163	14.00	4,680,648	15.00
Shelter Services	7,391,138	3.00	7,569,052	3.00
Housing Stabilization Services	5,825,234	34.60	5,195,301	34.60
Total	21,258,828	64.50	20,760,847	65.50

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