

HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING (H²) SYSTEMS INTEGRATION INITIATIVE

CONNECTICUT

Homeless Housing Resources

PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCV¹)

There are 50 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in Connecticut administering HCV and public housing programs, 8 of which are in Fairfield County. Of these, 18 PHAs administer a HCV program only, 6 administer a public housing program only, and 26 administer both a HCV and public housing program. In total, Connecticut has 12,221 Housing Choice Vouchers and 1,837 public housing units.

13 of the PHAs, 2 of which are in Fairfield County, also administer special purpose vouchers that have been appropriated by Congress exclusively for people with disabilities. This is a statewide total of 1,259 vouchers through the following two programs: 1) Five-Year Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (225 vouchers) and Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities (1034 “NED” Vouchers).

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM²

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program is a formula grant of federal housing funds given to states and localities (referred to as “participating jurisdictions” or PJs). As of September 2014, Connecticut has 7 participating PJs. Connecticut PJs received nearly \$11.7 million in HOME funds in FY2014.

HOME funds can be used to provide rentals subsidies, as well as to build, buy and renovate rental housing, finance homeownership opportunities, and repair and renovate homes. From October 1-December 2014, Connecticut PJs assisted 75 households with HOME-funded tenant-based rental assistance vouchers.

CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM³

A variety of homeless housing is funded through the Continuum of Care Program, including emergency shelter (ES), safe havens (SH), transitional housing (TH), permanent supportive housing (PSH) and rapid rehousing (RRH).

Continuum of Care	2014 Homeless Housing Inventory			Permanent Housing Inventory		
	Total Year-Round Beds (ES, SH, TH)	Inventory by Type		Total (PSH, RRH)	Inventory by Type	
		Emergency Shelter/Safe Haven	Transitional Housing		Permanent Supportive Housing	Rapid Rehousing
CT-502	622	337	285	848	842	6
CT-503	401	233	168	750	739	11
CT-505	1815	1,194	621	3,488	3278	210
CT-506	156	146	10	211	211	0

¹ Data from HUD PHA Contact Information http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts and HUD Housing Authority Profile database <https://pic.hud.gov/pic/haprofiles/haprofilelist.asp>

² https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/?filter_year=2014&filter_program=7&filter_state=CT&filter_coc= and <https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/home-activities-reports/>. Data from <https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/home-dashboard-reports/>

³ 2014 HIC Count, available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3031/pit-and-hic-data-since-2007/>

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CT-508	246	157	89	163	163	0
CT-512	171	171	0	492	472	20
State Total	3,411	2,238	1,173	5,952	5705	247

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)⁴

The ESG Program provides grants to states and localities for emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing for the homeless. ESG funds can be used for street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and HMIS, as well as administrative activities.

ESG funds may also be used to fund Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Programs (HPRP). Connecticut's HPRP program was funded in part through ESG funds, and served over 9,000 people. \$17 million in total (including ESG funds) was expended; no funds remain.

Connecticut has six ESG grants totaling \$2,973,021 in FY2014 funds.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)⁵

HOPWA funds are awarded through the Consolidated Plan as a block grant to states and larger metropolitan areas based on their incidences of AIDS and competitively through an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). HOPWA funds may be used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs. Connecticut has four formula HOPWA recipients and received a total of \$3.1M in FY 2014 HOPWA funds.

HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (2013)⁶

	Households Served	HOPWA Expenditures
Bridgeport		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	97	\$604,359.00
Subsidized Permanent Housing	54	\$335,966.00
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	6	\$37,264.00
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	0	NA
Permanent Housing Placement Services	0	NA
TOTAL	157	\$977,589.00

⁴ https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/?filter_year=2014&filter_program=6&filter_state=CT&filter_coc=

⁵ <https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/>

⁶ State of Connecticut, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) (July 2013-June 2014)
Salt Lake City Corporation, CAPER (July 2013-June 2014)

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	Households Served	HOPWA Expenditures
Hartford		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	46	\$111,540.00
Subsidized Permanent Housing	9	\$11,439.00
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	61	\$15,968.00
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	3	\$2,195.00
Permanent Housing Placement Services	0	NA
TOTAL	119	\$141,142.00
New Haven		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	110	\$792,480.00
Subsidized Permanent Housing	0	NA
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	NA
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	16	\$21,193.00
Permanent Housing Placement Services	20	\$23,059.00
TOTAL	146	\$836,732.00
State of Connecticut		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	30	\$136,776.00
Subsidized Permanent Housing	0	NA
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	NA
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	10	\$10,836.00
Permanent Housing Placement Services	40	\$147,612.00
TOTAL	277	\$473,034.00
TOTAL FOR ALL CT	462	\$2,103,075.00

VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM (HUD-VASH)⁷

HUD-VASH is a joint project between the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which offers a housing voucher from HUD and intensive case management services provided by the VA for five years. As of 2014, 679 VASH vouchers have been administered by 10 different PHAs in Connecticut.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)⁸

The SSVF Program funds supportive services which promote housing stability for very low-income Veterans and their families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. In 2014, three state organizations in Connecticut received SSVF Awards totaling \$3.3 million.

⁷ http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash

⁸ Data from http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/2014_SSVF_Award_List.pdf

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Housing Trust Fund Program

The Connecticut Housing Trust Fund (CHTF) is administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development, and provides gap financing, grants, loan guarantees, low- and no-interest loans, and funding for the Connecticut Individual Development Account housing program. Eligible applicants include nonprofit entities, municipalities and municipal developers, housing authorities, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA), community development financial institutions, and businesses approved for certain projects. The funds are awarded as loans and/or grants to eligible sponsors of affordable housing. The program encourages the creation of homeownership housing for low and moderate income families, promotes the rehabilitation, preservation and production of rental housing and the development of housing which aids the revitalization of communities.

The CHTF was established in 2005 with legislation that initially authorized the issuance of up to \$20 million in state general obligation bonds per year, plus an additional \$10 million for a total of \$110 million for the CHTF. According to an analysis by DECD, the first \$57 million in capital funds invested in the CHTF leveraged an additional \$519 million in other federal, state, local and private funds, and produced or preserved 2,200 units of affordable housing.

Housing Investment Fund

The Connecticut Housing Investment Fund, Inc. (CHIF) is a private, nonprofit organization established to finance affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization projects throughout Connecticut. Since its incorporation in 1968, CHIF has provided more than \$128.5 million in financing to assist individuals and organizations purchase, rehabilitate, or construct homes for low and moderate income families.

Partnership for Strong Communities

The Partnership for Strong Communities is a non-profit thought leader and policy advocacy organization focused on fostering vibrant communities, eliminating homelessness and creating homes. Since its founding in 1998, the Partnership has successfully advocated for more than \$530 million in public funding in Connecticut that has helped build homes and created programs to end chronic homelessness.

Connecticut Housing Coalition

The Connecticut Housing Coalition works to expand housing opportunity and to increase the quantity and quality of affordable housing available to people with low and moderate incomes in Connecticut through advocacy, education and collaboration. Founded in 1981, the Coalition represents the broad, vibrant network of community-based, affordable housing activity across Connecticut.

⁹ 2011 Opening Doors – Connecticut: Framework for Preventing and Ending Homelessness, available at: http://pschousing.org/files/RH_OpeningDoorsCT_Framework_8-13-12.pdf and <http://www.cceh.org/about/partners>.

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Reaching Home: Ending Homelessness

Reaching Home is a campaign of the Partnership for Strong Communities, developing recommendations through seven workgroups to establish strategies for *Opening Doors – CT*. Reaching Home is proposing the addition of 500 new units per year of permanent supportive housing, as well as 100 units of new permanent supportive housing development, \$3 million over FYs 2016 and 2017 to expand rapid rehousing across the state, \$375,000 for housing stabilization services for Integrated Health and Housing Neighborhoods recipients, continued funding for the Homeless Youth Program, and continued investment in deeply affordable housing.

Connecticut Supportive Housing Initiative

The Supportive Housing Initiative is an inter-agency, public/private collaborative effort to foster the development of long-term solutions to housing and service needs for families, individuals and young adults coping with psychiatric disabilities and/or substance abuse who are homeless or facing homelessness. The Initiative is lead by the State Interagency Committee on Supportive Housing.

Competitive Housing Assistance for Multifamily Properties (CHAMP)

The CHAMP initiative supports the Department of Housing in providing gap funding to owners of existing developments and developers of proposed projects to increase the supply of safe, decent and affordable housing in Connecticut. Funds may be provided in the form of grants, loans or a combination, and may be combined with financial assistance from the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority.

Frequent Users' Service Enhancement (FUSE) Program

FUSE uses administrative data analyses to target supportive housing to individuals who cycle through the homeless service and corrections systems in several Connecticut communities. By matching data between the Department of Corrections and HMIS, FUSE can identify individuals with high rates of jail and shelter use and use the shelter census to locate and engage potential participants.

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative

The Housing Authority of the City of Norwalk was one of the first public housing authorities nationwide to receive a Choice Neighborhoods planning grant to support the transformation, rehabilitation, and preservation of public housing and privately owned HUD-assisted housing. The Initiative is intended to promote a “comprehensive approach to transforming distressed areas of poverty into viable and sustainable mixed-income neighborhoods.”

Connecticut State Housing Tax Credit Contribution (HTCC) Program

The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) administers the HTCC to provide funding for housing programs sponsored by non-profit developers, making funding available for development of affordable rental housing that benefits very low, low-, and moderate-income families in Connecticut.

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Flexible Housing Program

The Flexible or Affordable Housing Program provides grants, loans, loan guarantees, and deferred loans for development and preservation of affordable housing. The program was effective on July 1, 2001, and is funded by state general obligation bonds.

Other Connecticut Resource Opportunities

- CHFA Multi-Family Mortgage Loans
- Rental Assistance Program (RAP)
- Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program (EFPP)
- Security Deposit Guarantee Program (SDGP)
- Beyond Shelter
- Housing First for Families
- Housing Assistance Fund Program (for persons with a psychiatric disorder)