

HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING (H²) SYSTEMS INTEGRATION INITIATIVE CHICAGO

Homeless Housing Resources

PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCV¹)

Currently, there are 4 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in Chicago administering HCV and public housing programs. Of those, 1 administers only an HCV program, 1 administers only a public housing program, and 2 operate both.

2 PHAs in Chicago, the Chicago Housing Authority and the Housing Authority of Cook County, also administer special purpose vouchers that have been appropriated by Congress exclusively for people with disabilities. There is a citywide total of 1,075 vouchers through the following two programs: 1) Five-Year Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (50 vouchers) and Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities (1,025 “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 March 2015, Chicago has two participating PJs and has received over \$812 million in HOME funds since 1992.

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 January to March 2015, Chicago PJs assisted 174 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). Chicago had 2 active Continuums of Care (CoCs) in 2014.

Continuum of Care (Chicago)	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
Chicago CoC	5,991	2,089	3,902	8,870	8,406	447
Cook County CoC	826	220	606	1,091	979	107
Total	6,817	2,309	4,508	9,961	9,385	554

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=IL&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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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.

In 2014, Chicago was awarded ESG grants totaling \$5,998,236. Cook County was also awarded \$756,420 in 2014.

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. In 2014, the City of Chicago received over \$5.8 million in HOPWA funds.

	Households Served	HOPWA Expenditures
City of Chicago		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	185	\$1,875,080
Subsidized Permanent Housing	458	\$1,531,878
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	134	\$1,631,879
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	N/A	N/A
Permanent Housing Placement Services	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	777	\$5,038,837

VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM (HUD-VASH)⁶

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. In 2014, the Chicago Housing Authority was awarded 169 VASH vouchers and the Housing Authority of Cook County was awarded 50 vouchers.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)⁷

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, nine state organizations in Illinois received SSVF Awards totaling over \$8,900,000.

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

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

⁶ http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash

⁷ Data from http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/2014_SSVF_Award_List.pdf

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Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund

Chicago's Low Income Housing Trust Fund was created in 1989 and consists of a rental subsidy program, providing annual subsidies to owners of qualified affordable housing developments, and the Multi-Year Affordability through Upfront Investment Component (MAUI) program. Through MAUI, interest free, forgivable loans are made available to affordable housing developers.

Chicago Multi-year Affordability through Upfront Investment

Chicago's Multi-Year Affordability through Upfront Investment (MAUI) is one of the two Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund projects. MAUI provides developers of affordable housing with forgivable, low-interest loans. The loans can replace up to one half of a first mortgage on a property. The funding can also be used for operating reserves. In 2012, 41 units of affordable housing resulted from MAUI funding. MAUI is funded through both the state of Illinois through property recordation fees, and the city's Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund.

Chicago Rental Subsidy Program

A component of Chicago's Low Income Housing Trust Fund, the Rental Subsidy program serves households with incomes at 30% of area median income (AMI) or less. Through this program, participating landlords sign an agreement with the City of Chicago to receive rental subsidies and reduce rents to levels affordable to the target population. Many of the properties funded through this program serve peoples with special needs, including those with HIV/AIDS or those who were formerly homeless. In total, 2,739 units were a part of the Rental Subsidy program in FY13.

The Rental Subsidy Program receives funding from Chicago corporate revenues and Illinois property recordation fees. In FY13, the city contributed \$6.5 million towards the rental subsidies and the state contributed \$8.4 million. In 2014 the Trust Fund appropriated funding to support subsidies in 2,813 units of housing in the City of Chicago at an annual cost of \$15.1 million through Rental Subsidy and MAUI operating reserves programs.

The Illinois Homeless Prevention Program

The Homeless Prevention Program is a one-time emergency assistance program for individuals in imminent danger of becoming homeless. Eligible individuals receive up to two months of rental assistance, utility arrearage, and/or funds to cover a security deposit. In FY13, 9,694 individuals were assisted. The Homeless Prevention Program was funded at \$4,000,000 in FY13. The funding source is the Illinois General Revenue Fund.

Permanent Supportive Housing Program

The Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSH) is a part of the Build Illinois Bond Program (BIBP). Eligible activities include acquisition, new construction, redevelopment or rehabilitation of vacant units, or adaptive reuse of non-residential properties. Projects that serve more than 10% of households at 30% of area median income (AMI) or less receive additional points in the competitive application process. The funding source for Permanent Supportive Housing Program is the state capital budget. In FY12, approximately \$10.8 million was made available through this program.

⁸ Information on state & city funded rental housing programs available at: <http://nlihc.org/rental-programs>.