

# HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING (H<sup>2</sup>) SYSTEMS INTEGRATION INITIATIVE

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### Homeless Housing Resources

The information in this document is intended primarily to provide people working in health care with basic information about homeless assistance and housing programs and resources. It is also intended to provide context for housing, health care, and service providers for discussions on gaps in needed housing and services that support housing stability. The following resources are covered:

- HUD Resources
  - Vouchers
  - HOME Program
  - Housing Trust Fund
  - Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
  - Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
  - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program
  - VA Supportive Housing (VASH) Programs
- Other Federal Resources
  - Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
  - SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Program
- Michigan Housing Resources, including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Programs

### HOMELESS HOUSING RESOURCES

Financial support for housing for low-income people tends to fall into categories: support to help cover “hard” costs (such as construction and rehabilitation) and support to cover more flexible “soft” costs, such as vouchers, operating costs, and services. Resources are often focused on a particular population (e.g. people with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, people experiencing homelessness, veterans).

#### **HUD Resources**

HUD provides a variety of resources to states, local governments, and nonprofit housing agencies to provide access to or in order to develop affordable housing.

#### **Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program<sup>1</sup>**

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program provides rental assistance for low-income individuals and families. The HCV Program provides “tenant-based” rental assistance under Section 8 by providing low-income households with a voucher they can use to rent any private apartment that meets program guidelines. Section 8 also offers “project-based” rental assistance, which provides rental housing to low-income households in privately owned and managed rental units, but in which the subsidy stays with the building.

**Currently, there are 128 PHAs in Michigan. Of those, 63 administer only a public housing program, 6 administer only an HCV program, and 59 administer both.**

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<sup>1</sup> Data from HUD PHA Contact Information [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/pha/contacts](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>

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### Special Purpose Vouchers<sup>2</sup>

Special purpose vouchers have been appropriated by Congress exclusively for people with disabilities. They are an invaluable resource for meeting the housing needs of people with disabilities because they must be set aside for people with disabilities even when they turn over and are re-issued. Vouchers are targeted exclusively to people with disabilities through the following programs:

#### ***Five-Year Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities***

These vouchers are set aside exclusively for people with disabilities. They are funded through the Section 811 tenant-based rental assistance program (25% of the program’s appropriations have been used for tenant-based rental assistance). PHAs<sup>3</sup> receive 5-year annual contributions contracts.

#### ***Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities (“NED” Vouchers)***

Over the past decade, HUD has also awarded over 55,000 other vouchers targeted to non-elderly people with disabilities, now referred to as NED vouchers.

**PHAs in Michigan with Special Purpose Vouchers**

<b>PHA</b>	<b>NED</b>	<b>Five-Year Mainstream</b>
Ann Arbor Housing Commission	<b>100</b>	0
Dearborn Heights Housing Commission	<b>100</b>	0
Dearborn Housing Commission	<b>50</b>	0
Grand Rapids Housing Commission	<b>100</b>	0
Greenville Housing Commission	<b>45</b>	0
Housing Services for Eaton County	0	<b>75</b>
Ingham County Housing Commission	0	<b>100</b>
Livonia Housing Commission	<b>25</b>	0
Madison Heights Housing Commission	0	<b>50</b>
MI State Housing Development	<b>290</b>	0
Montcalm County Housing Commission	<b>100</b>	0
Plymouth Housing Commission	<b>100</b>	0
Wyoming Housing Commission	<b>100</b>	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>225</b>

Although vouchers are an invaluable resource for helping homeless and low-income individuals with disabilities, PHAs often have substantial waiting lists for applicants to receive HCV and special purpose vouchers; lists may be also closed when the wait for housing becomes unreasonable.

<sup>2</sup> Technical Assistance Collaborative, Database of Vouchers for People with Disabilities, <http://www.tacinc.org/knowledge-resources/vouchers-database/?state=MI>

<sup>3</sup> Non-profit disability organizations were also eligible to apply for Section 811-funded Mainstream vouchers.

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#### HOME Investment Partnerships Program<sup>4</sup>

The federal government created the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in 1990. The HOME program is a formula grant of federal housing funds given to states and localities (referred to as “participating jurisdictions” or PJs). As of December 2015, there are 22 PJs in the state of Michigan. **Since 1992, PJs in the state of Michigan have received over \$1.1 billion in HOME funds.**

HOME funds can be used to:

- Build, buy, and renovate rental housing;
- Finance homeownership opportunities;
- Repair homes, including making buildings physically accessible; or
- Provide rental subsidies to eligible households.

#### Michigan HOME-Funded Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Vouchers as of Dec. 2015

Participating Jurisdictions	Cumulative as of Dec. 2015 Award Amount	Number of Households Since Becoming PJ (1992 or later)	Number of Households from Oct. to Dec. 2015
Ann Arbor	\$13,391,600	0	0
Battle Creek	\$8,117,270	0	-1
Bay City	\$5,609,655	0	0
Detroit	\$281,555,299	425	0
Flint	\$33,101,294	145	0
Genesee County	\$21,481,231	32	0
Grand Rapids	\$34,210,789	778	0
Jackson	\$8,439,524	0	0
Kalamazoo	\$17,416,268	2002	7
Kent County Consortium	\$7,470,823	0	0
Lansing	\$22,547,452	0	0
Macomb County Consortium	\$22,036,938	0	0
Michigan	\$506,152,232	2364	0
Muskegon	\$8,379,042	0	0
Oakland County	\$35,397,218	0	0
Pontiac	\$13,994,973	0	0
Port Huron	\$6,763,330	0	0
Saginaw	\$18,354,603	0	0
Warren	\$8,731,564	0	0
Washtenaw County	\$14,024,267	0	0
Wayne County Consortium	\$50,111,676	2	1
Westland	\$7,303,788	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,144,590,836</b>	<b>5748</b>	<b>7</b>

<sup>4</sup> HUD, HOME Dashboard Reports, [https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/home-dashboard-reports/?filter\\_DateYearEach=2015-12-31&filter\\_State=MI&filter\\_Grantee=&program=HOME&group=Dash](https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/home-dashboard-reports/?filter_DateYearEach=2015-12-31&filter_State=MI&filter_Grantee=&program=HOME&group=Dash)

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#### National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)<sup>5</sup>

The federal government created the National Housing Trust Fund in 2008, but it has not been operating due to insufficient funding. Funds are now being set aside, and HUD began allocations in 2016. The NHTF program is a formula grant of federal funds given to states and state-designated entities. Each state determines its priority housing need for production or preservation, primarily of rental housing, that is affordable and available to extremely low-income households. A state must use at least 80 percent of each annual grant for rental housing; up to 10 percent for homeownership; and up to 10 percent for the grantee's reasonable administrative and planning costs.

NHTF funds can be used for:

- New construction of rental and homebuyer units;
- Acquisition or acquisition/rehabilitation of rental and homebuyer units; or
- Operating costs for rental projects (up to one third of annual grant).

To receive its share of the NHTF, a state must submit an allocation plan as part of its annual action plan. The HUD Office of Community Planning and Development issued a Notice on January 28, 2016 outlining the timing for states and entitlement jurisdictions to submit their FY16 consolidated plans, action plans, and NHTF allocation plans. **On May 6, 2016, HUD announced the amount of NHTF funds each state will receive, including an allocation of \$3,522,622 to Michigan.**

Information on Michigan's Housing and Community Development Fund is presented later in this Worksheet.

#### Continuum of Care (CoC) Program<sup>6</sup>

Michigan has 21 active Continua of Care (CoC):

- In January 2015, Michigan had **10,337 total beds** dedicated for homeless persons year-round. **55% of Michigan's beds** were in emergency shelters/safe havens and **45%** were in transitional housing programs.
- The state also had a total of **18,150 permanent housing beds**, of which **44%** were in permanent supportive housing and **11.5%** were in Rapid Re-Housing. The remaining **55.5%** of beds were in other forms of permanent housing, including PH - Housing with Services (no disability required for entry) and PH - Housing Only.

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<sup>5</sup> HUD Exchange, Housing Trust Fund <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/htf/> and Federal Register, Vol. 81, No. 87, May 5, 2016, "Housing Trust Fund Federal Register Allocation Notice", <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-05/pdf/2016-10508.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> 2015 HIC Count, available at: [https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/coc-housing-inventory-count-reports/?filter\\_Year=2015&filter\\_Scope=State&filter\\_State=MI&filter\\_CoC=&program=CoC&group=HIC](https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/coc-housing-inventory-count-reports/?filter_Year=2015&filter_Scope=State&filter_State=MI&filter_CoC=&program=CoC&group=HIC)

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Continuum of Care	2015 Homeless Housing Inventory			Permanent Housing Inventory		
	Total Year-Round Beds (ES, SH, TH)	Inventory by Type		Total (PSH, RRH, Other)	Inventory by Type	
		Emergency Shelter/ Safe Haven	Transitional Housing			Permanent Supportive Housing
Michigan Balance of State	2039	1192	847	1084	756	221
Detroit	2421	1204	1217	5617	2294	631
Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Westland/ Wayne County	344	141	203	1455	483	20
St. Clair Shores, Warren/Macomb County	354	203	151	148	148	0
Pontiac, Royal Oak/ Oakland County	301	154	147	1083	624	34
Flint/Genesee County	364	231	133	291	291	0
Grand Rapids, Wyoming/Kent County	879	357	522	2396	860	206
Portage, Kalamazoo City & County	619	387	232	546	546	0
Lansing, East Lansing/Ingham County	413	340	73	1375	460	214
Washtenaw County	264	195	69	1166	410	41
Saginaw City & County	396	222	174	766	317	74
Lenawee County	117	69	48	135	13	13
Grand Traverse, Antrim, Leelanau Counties	270	217	53	130	67	63
Marquette, Alger Counties	85	53	32	148	38	23
Battle Creek/ Calhoun County	243	160	83	306	306	0
Monroe City & County	204	85	119	16	16	0
Norton Shores, Muskegon City & County	185	141	44	844	193	106
Jackson City & County	201	108	93	94	64	30

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		Emergency Shelter/ Safe Haven	Transitional Housing			Permanent Supportive Housing
Livingston County	107	52	55	208	24	184
Holland/Ottawa County	395	162	233	276	103	173
Eaton County	136	42	94	66	13	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,337</b>	<b>5715</b>	<b>4622</b>	<b>18,150</b>	<b>8026</b>	<b>2086</b>

### Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)<sup>7</sup>

The Emergency Solutions Grant (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). **In 2015, 13 cities and counties in Michigan received ESG grants totaling \$5,523,201. Additionally, the state of Michigan itself received an ESG grant of \$4,574,243.**

### Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA)<sup>8</sup>

HOPWA funding provides housing assistance and related supportive services by grantees who are encouraged to develop community strategies and form partnerships with nonprofit organizations. Funds may be used for a range of housing, social services, program planning, & development costs.

HOPWA funds are awarded through the Consolidated Plan as a block grant to states and larger metropolitan areas based on the incidences of AIDS, and competitively through an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). **In 2014, Michigan has three HOPWA formula awards totaling \$3.93M, and one Competitive award totaling \$1,348,970.00 (over three years).**

- City of Warren: \$514,365.00
- City of Detroit: \$2,351,114.00
- State of Michigan: \$1,068,022.00

<sup>7</sup> HUD, 2015 CPD Allocation Awards, [https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/?filter\\_year=2015&filter\\_program=6&filter\\_state=MI&filter\\_coc=](https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/?filter_year=2015&filter_program=6&filter_state=MI&filter_coc=)

<sup>8</sup> Michigan 2014-2015 CAPER

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#### HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (2014)

	Households Served	HOPWA Expenditures
<b>Cass Community Social Services, Inc. MIH120019</b>		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	0	N/A
Subsidized Permanent Housing	28	\$240,947.40
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	N/A
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	0	N/A
Permanent Housing Placement Services	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$240,947.40</b>
<b>Warren</b>		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	34	\$199,202
Subsidized Permanent Housing	0	N/A
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	N/A
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	37	\$38,192
Permanent Housing Placement Services	24	\$24,116
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>\$261,510</b>
<b>Detroit</b>		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	224	\$1,669,884.41
Subsidized Permanent Housing	0	N/A
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	30	\$108,747.03
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	0	N/A
Permanent Housing Placement Services	0	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$1,778,631.44</b>
<b>Michigan</b>		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	119	\$387,276.91
Subsidized Permanent Housing	0	N/A
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	N/A
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	78	\$132,976.83
Permanent Housing Placement Services	57	\$49,419.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>\$569,673.41</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL MI</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>\$2,850,762.25</b>

### VA Supportive Housing Program (VASH)<sup>9</sup>

VASH is a joint project between the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The goal of the program is to transition veterans from homelessness to having permanent, secure, safe housing so that they may rebuild their lives. This

<sup>9</sup> HUD.Gov, HUD-VASH Vouchers, [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/vash](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash)

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program is administered with a housing voucher from HUD for veterans to rent a home or an apartment, and intensive case management services provided by the VA for five years. **From 2008 to 2015, a total of 1,877 VASH vouchers have been awarded to 8 PHAs in Michigan, including 312 new vouchers awarded to 7 PHAs in 2015.**

### Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Resources<sup>10</sup>

As sovereign nations, tribes are the direct recipients of HUD funding. Each tribe designates an entity to administer its housing programs with these federal dollars. Referred to as a Tribally Designated Entity (TDHE), the organization may be a department within the tribe, tribal housing authority with separate board of commissioners, or a nonprofit organization. **The Eastern Woodlands Office (EWONAP) serves 66 tribes within 16 states, including the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan.**

ONAP administers the following programs that may benefit Native Americans in Michigan:

**Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG):** Formula-based grant program. Eligible activities include: housing development, assistance to housing developed under the Indian Housing Program, housing services to eligible families and individuals, crime prevention and safety, and model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems.

**Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program:** Created in 1992 to help increase Native access to homeownership by providing a guarantee to lenders on mortgage loans made to Native borrowers. Section 184 loans can be used both on and off native lands for new construction, rehabilitation, purchase of an existing home, or refinancing.

**Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG):** Awarded under an annual competition. Provide single purpose grants for housing rehabilitation, land acquisition, community facilities, infrastructure construction, and economic development activities that benefit primarily people with low and moderate incomes. **In 2016, The Hannahville Indian Community of Michigan was awarded an ICDBG of \$600,000.**

**Title VI Loan Guarantee Program:** Assists Indian Housing Block Grant recipients who want to finance eligible affordable housing activities, but are unable to secure financing without the assistance of a federal guarantee.

### Other Federal Resources

#### Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)<sup>11</sup>

The SSVF Program is a VA program that awards grants to private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives that will provide supportive services to very low-income Veterans and their families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. The grantees will provide a range of supportive services designed to promote housing stability. **In 2014, 13 organizations in Michigan received SSVF Awards totaling \$10,008,549 to serve veterans across the state.**

<sup>10</sup> HUD Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ih/codetalk/onap/ewonap](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/onap/ewonap)

<sup>11</sup> U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), "2014 SSVF Award List," [http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/2014\\_SSVF\\_Award\\_List.pdf](http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/2014_SSVF_Award_List.pdf)

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#### SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery Program (SOAR)<sup>12</sup>

Through its SOAR program, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) seeks to end homelessness through increased access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) support. Nationally, 37 percent of all applications for SSI/SSDI are approved upon first application. However, for people who are homeless, initial SSI/SSDI application approval is only 15 percent. When homeless people apply for SSI/SSDI through the SOAR Initiative, initial application approval is greatly increased – 93 percent of persons thought to be eligible are approved within 3 months.

**According to SAMHSA's SOAR TA Center, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan State Housing Development Authority and CSH are currently sponsoring the "SOAR Across Michigan" initiative.** This initiative uses the Stepping Stones to Recovery SAMHSA-funded curriculum to train staff working in the community to assist disabled adults experiencing homelessness to apply for SSI/SSDI benefits. The initiative consists of collaboration amongst all key stakeholders, including local SSA offices in Michigan, DDS examiners, medical providers, service providers for adults who are experiencing homeless, and the ODAR offices in Michigan.

The curriculum has been offered to all eight regions across the state and includes the counties in which PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) programs are administered and where homelessness has the greatest impact. All Michigan-based PATH programs have SOAR-trained staff. The state of Michigan has 8 Local SOAR Leads and 5 SOAR trainers.

#### Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program<sup>13</sup>

The LIHTC program is administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The program provides competitive awards of federal tax credits to developers to assist in the creation of affordable rental housing including supportive housing. It requires that 20 percent of LIHTC units be made available for households at or below 50 percent of area median income (AMI) or that 40 percent of LIHTC units be made available for households at or below 60 percent of AMI. The Michigan State Housing Finance Agency administers the LIHTC program in Michigan. **In 2015, 47 projects were selected to receive \$28,106,822 in LIHTCs.**

### Michigan Resources

#### Funding – Special Initiatives – Coordination

#### Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund<sup>14</sup>

The Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund develops and coordinates public and private resources to meet the affordable housing needs of low income, very low income, and extremely low income households and to revitalize downtown areas in Michigan.

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<sup>12</sup> SAMHSA, SOAR Works! Michigan profile, <https://soarworks.prainc.com/states/michigan>

<sup>13</sup> Michigan State Housing Development Authority, "Allocations of 2015 Low Income Housing Tax Credit," January 21, 2016, [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mshda/mshda\\_li\\_sr\\_2015\\_lihtc\\_allocations\\_511656\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mshda/mshda_li_sr_2015_lihtc_allocations_511656_7.pdf)

<sup>14</sup> Center for Community Change, "Michigan Allocates \$3.7 Million from National Mortgage Settlement to Housing and Community Development Fund," <http://housingtrustfundproject.org/michigan-allocates-3-7-million-from-national-mortgage-settlement-to-housing-and-community-development-fund/>

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**Eligible activities** for funding include costs associated with the acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, development, predevelopment, and operating or replacement reserves of rental housing; permanent supportive housing; and community development projects located in a downtown or adjacent neighborhood, including but not limited to homeownership, housing rehabilitation, façade improvement, infrastructure improvement, economic development projects, in-fill new constructions, and community facilities. **Eligible applicants** for the funding include nonprofit and for-profit corporations, municipalities, Land Bank Fast Track Authorities organized under the Land Bank Fast Track Act, and partnerships or special purpose entities approved by MSHDA.

In 2012, \$3.7 million from the Homeowner Protection Fund was allocated to the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund. Projects supported by this allocation included **a 70 unit building in Highland Park to provide permanent supportive housing for 70 homeless men.**

#### Michigan Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)<sup>15</sup>

In January 2015, Governor Rick Snyder signed an executive order to establish the Michigan Interagency Council on Homelessness. The council, which was a recommendation of the Mental Health and Wellness Commission, will update the state's 10-year plan to end homelessness and monitor and participate in its implementation. The council includes representatives from the Michigan departments of Military and Veterans Affairs, Community Health, Corrections, Education, Human Services, Natural Resources, Technology, Management and Budget and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. The council also includes a representative from the courts and four members of the public.

#### Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness<sup>16</sup>

The Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH) is a nonprofit membership organization formed as an association of emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, nonprofit housing and service programs, government programs, and concerned citizens from across the state. The Coalition is dedicated to creating a statewide voice and the infrastructure and systemic change needed to empower communities to end homelessness. The Coalition pursues this mission through collaboration, technical assistance, resource development, and programming with or on behalf of local service providers; public awareness/education; and public policy and advocacy.

#### Michigan Housing Assessment and Resource Agencies (HARAs)<sup>17</sup>

Michigan's Housing Assessment and Resource Agencies (HARAs) provide centralized intake and housing assessment. HARAs practice shelter diversion and work to rapidly re-house people who are homeless. Each HARA employs a staff member to function as a Housing Resource Specialist, working to ensure rapid re-housing. HARAs practice strength-based case management, working with the local Continuum of Care to ensure quality service delivery.

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<sup>15</sup> Michigan.Gov, "Gov. Rick Snyder issues executive order to reduce homelessness in Michigan," January 16, 2015, [http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577\\_57657-345567--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_57657-345567--,00.html)

<sup>16</sup> Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, <http://mihomeless.org/index.php/about>

<sup>17</sup> Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness, "Housing Assessment and Resource Agency," <http://thecampaigntoendhomelessness.org/ProgramsFunding/HARA.aspx>

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#### Michigan Housing and Recovery Initiative (MHRI)<sup>18</sup>

The MHRI was implemented in October 2013 through collaboration between Michigan DHHS, the Michigan ICH, Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO), and Southwest Counseling Solutions. The outgrowth of the state's 2013 Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) grant award, MHRI addresses the housing and support service needs of persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness with substance use disorders, severe mental illness, or co-occurring substance use and mental illness in the city of Detroit.

MHRI also targets homeless Veterans who have behavioral health disabilities. MHRI direct services are provided by two teams consisting of outreach, case management and clinical staff – one at each of the two local service providers in Detroit: NSO and Southwest Solutions. MHRI follows the Housing First Model. Clinical Housing Specialists, Entitlement Specialist, and Peer Navigator provide outreach, engagement and rapid re-housing services to enrolled participants. Participants are connected to mainstream benefits, permanent supportive housing, access to substance abuse and mental health services, and intensive case management services focused on maintaining housing and increasing independence.

#### Housing Programs- Homeless Assistance Resources

#### Supportive Housing Program (SHP)<sup>19</sup>

The Supportive Housing Program (SHP) is a collaboration among HUD, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND), private housing developers/providers, and Detroit Central City (a Federally Qualified Health Center). The goal of SHP is to assist single, adult, homeless persons in Wayne County transition from homelessness to permanent housing. SHP provides subsidies for housing in Wayne County and includes support services which assist the client in gaining the skills to remain in permanent housing. The program also provides linkages to applicable community resources and supports.

#### Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO)<sup>20</sup>

NSO serves homeless individuals who have behavioral difficulties, mental illness, or physical challenges in Detroit.

NSO's **Bridges Program** is a scattered site supportive housing program for chronically homeless persons struggling with at least one of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious persistent mental illness, cognitive impairment, or a chronic physical condition. The Bridges Program takes a "Housing First" approach. Case managers assist clients to access community-based services based on the client's individualized service plan, coordinate care amongst service providers, and teach daily living skills to insure the client successfully sustains housing.

In 2013, NSO completed the renovation of the historic **Michigan Bell Building**, utilizing the 155 one-bedroom apartments to provide homes for formerly homeless adults. On-site supportive services help

<sup>18</sup> Michigan Campaign to End Homelessness, "State of Homelessness in Michigan," 2014, <http://thecampaigntoendhomelessness.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=C3RIU3wuQUo%3D&tabid=40>

<sup>19</sup> Detroit Central City, "Supportive Housing Program," [http://www.dcccmh.org/?page\\_id=416](http://www.dcccmh.org/?page_id=416)

<sup>20</sup> Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO), <http://www.nso-mi.org/programs.php>

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residents connect to primary and health care, addiction treatment, counseling support and Illness Management and Recovery. A health care clinic is located in the building for residents and the community to utilize. In-house training and classes help residents with life skills and connections to GED preparation, community college, and job training. The NSO Bell Building is the largest supportive housing development in the state of Michigan.

#### Housing Services Mid-Michigan<sup>21</sup>

Housing Services Mid-Michigan is a non-profit, grant-funded agency that provides homelessness assistance, rental subsidies for people with disabilities, first time homebuyers' down-payment assistance, housing search assistance, extended services case management for the homeless, rental rehabilitation, supportive housing to the chronically homeless, and homelessness prevention services through a variety of programs.

Housing Services currently has three separate supportive housing programs that provide rental assistance to participants on an on-going basis:

- **REACH** – For people in Eaton County who are homeless and who have a serious mental illness or a dual diagnosis of substance abuse. Participants are required to work closely with Community Mental Health.
- **Individual Supportive Housing** – Assists single individuals within Eaton County that are homeless and have a documented disability.
- **H.E.A.R.T.** – Assists homeless families in Eaton County. At least one adult in the household must have a documented disability.

#### Southwest Housing Solutions – Piquette Square<sup>22</sup>

Piquette Square is a 150-unit apartment building in Detroit to house and care for homeless veterans. Southwest Solutions partners with numerous human services providers, government agencies and veterans' groups to provide access to various services, including mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, on-site job training, computer labs, educational programs and other supports.

#### Community Housing Network<sup>23</sup>

Community Housing Network provides housing and housing resources for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, people with disabilities, people with low income, and other vulnerable residents of Southeast Michigan. Community Housing Network administers three programs to provide permanent supportive housing to eligible individuals and families in Oakland and Macomb counties: (1) Homeless Leasing Assistance, (2) Chronically Homeless Leasing Assistance, and (3) Shelter Plus Care.

Community Housing Network also operates the Critical Needs Fund to help fill the gaps that cannot be met through other funding, including security deposits, obtaining proof of identity, personal care and cleaning products, household needs, and transportation costs.

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<sup>21</sup> Housing Services Mid-Michigan, "Supportive Housing Programs," [http://www.hs-mm.org/supportive\\_housing/](http://www.hs-mm.org/supportive_housing/)

<sup>22</sup> Southwest Solutions, "Piquette Square for Veterans," <http://www.swsol.org/piquette-square-for-veterans/>

<sup>23</sup> Community Housing Networks, "Housing Developments," <https://communityhousingnetwork.org/housing-developments/>

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#### Community Rebuilders<sup>24</sup>

Community Rebuilders' Scattered Site Programs feature 143 supportive housing units (93 tenant-based and 50 sponsor-based), and 11 units in each of their rental assistance and supportive service programs, LOFT and HEROES. These programs provide long-term affordable housing with supportive services to people experiencing homelessness in Grand Rapids who have a permanent disability.

Community Rebuilders facilitates partnerships with local mental health and medical service providers, who collectively provide more than \$700,000 in direct support services per year—at no cost to the PSH programs.

#### Greater Lansing Housing Coalition (GLHC)<sup>25</sup>

GLHC offers affordable rental units for people experiencing chronically homelessness, those with serious mental illness, senior citizens, and/or low-income residents and families. Housing programs designated to serve chronically homeless individuals include:

- **Ballentine Apartment Program:** 14 one-bedroom and 4 two-bedroom apartments for individuals and families who are chronically homeless and/or meet other criteria.
- **West Saginaw Apartments:** 22 one-bedroom apartments, 8 of which are set aside for chronically homeless individuals.

#### Avalon Housing<sup>26</sup>

Avalon Housing provides both individual and community-based support services to more than 600 Permanent Supportive Housing residents living in Avalon Housing apartments, Ann Arbor public housing, and scattered with private landlords in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. Avalon's five Housing Support teams offer case management, crisis response, advocacy, medication management, and transportation assistance to individual households with the goal of helping them maintain housing stability and increase their self-determination.

#### Blue Water Safe Horizons<sup>27</sup>

Blue Water Safe Horizons offers shelter and support services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and homelessness. The services and support programs are delivered to the community in a variety of formats ranging from shelter and housing to support groups and legal advocacy. Services offered by Blue Water Safe Horizons include:

- **Carolyn's Place:** a secured 20-bed facility that provides services to women survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or homelessness, and their dependent children.
- **Pathways:** a 28-bed facility that provides services to men who are homeless or victims of domestic or sexual assault, as well as homeless couples and families. Professional staff and volunteers are available to assist homeless victims and their families.
- **BWSH Supportive Housing Program:** provides outreach, housing search, rental assistance, resource advocacy, and supportive services to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Applicants are accepted by referral only.

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<sup>24</sup> Community Rebuilders, <https://communityrebuilders.org/>

<sup>25</sup> Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, <http://www.glhc.org/index.php>

<sup>26</sup> Avalon Housing, <http://avalonhousing.org/>

<sup>27</sup> Blue Water Safe Horizons, <http://www.bwsh.org/>

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#### Training and Treatment Innovations, Inc.<sup>28</sup>

Training and Treatment Innovations, Inc. (TTI) provides a wide range of community-based services and supports to adults with psychiatric disorders and to those with both co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders, including a Housing Program. The Housing Program provides housing assistance in Oakland County and Jackson/Hillsdale County with emphasis on those experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness. TTI's primary Housing Program is located in Troy. Housing services include outreach services, housing search, counseling and acquisition, community-based training, tenant-landlord mediation, transitional housing (Oakland County), and subsidized support. Housing specialists work directly with case managers, related supports and consumers to identify housing needs and find opportunities that meet those needs.

#### Wayne Homeless Network Project<sup>29</sup>

The Wayne Homeless Network Project provides a wide range of services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Out-Wayne County (outside the city of Detroit). The project is modeled after HUD's Continuum of Care program, and delivers homeless services through an effective collaboration of organizational partners. Once enrolled in the project, families have access to free homeless outreach services, individual case management, transitional housing, transportation services, permanent housing placement, and access to additional homeless services as needed, including mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, school advocacy, and employment guidance.

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<sup>28</sup> Training and Treatment Innovations, Inc., <http://trainingtti.org/>

<sup>29</sup> Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, <https://www.waynemetro.org/content/homeless-out-county>