

HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING (H²) SYSTEMS INTEGRATION INITIATIVE

NEW MEXICO

Homeless Housing Resources

PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCV¹)

Currently, there are 37 PHAs in New Mexico administering HCV and public housing programs. Of the 37 PHAs in New Mexico, 8 administer only an HCV program, 19 administer only a public housing program; and 10 operate both.

9 of the PHAs in New Mexico also administer special purpose vouchers that have been appropriated by Congress exclusively for people with disabilities. This is a statewide total of 601 vouchers through the following two programs: 1) Five-Year Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (90 vouchers) and Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities (511 “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, New Mexico had 3 participating PJs. New Mexico PJs received nearly \$6 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, New Mexico PJs assisted 41 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). New Mexico has two active Continuums of Care.

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
NM-500	2057	369	529	1771	1087	684
NM-501	2198	1006	421	159	72	87
State Total	4255	1375	950	1930	1159	771

¹ <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/nm.cfm> and <http://www.tacinc.org/knowledge-resources/vouchers-database/?state=NM>.

² https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/home-dashboard-reports/?filter_DateYearEach=2014-12-31&filter_State=NM&filter_Granttee=&program=HOME&group=Dash. 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. ESG funds may also be used to fund Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Programs (HPRP).

New Mexico has two ESG grants totaling \$1,216,024 in FY2014 funds. One of these grants was to the city of Albuquerque in the amount of \$319,017.

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 State of New Mexico and Albuquerque received HOPWA formula grants, totaling \$623,968. Albuquerque turned its 2014 allocation over to the State.

	Households Served	HOPWA Expenditures
State of New Mexico		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	94	\$354,176.43
Subsidized Permanent Housing	0	N/A
Transitional/Short-term Facilities	0	N/A
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	225	\$221,993.73
Permanent Housing Placement Services	80	\$64,537.67
TOTAL	399	\$640,707.83

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, New Mexico was awarded 75 VASH vouchers administered by 7 different PHAs.

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, three state organizations in New Mexico received SSVF Awards totaling over \$2 million.

⁴ https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/?filter_year=2014&filter_program=6&filter_state=NM&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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Housing Trust Fund⁸

New Mexico's Housing Trust Fund (HTF) finances infrastructure, construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation for rental housing. Special needs or workforce housing may also receive financing. In FY2013, about 221 units were constructed using Housing Trust Fund resources. Since its creation in 2005, the Fund, managed by the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, has received \$15 million in state appropriations. These funds have supported more than 30 separate affordable housing projects across the state, providing some 1,000 affordable homes for low and moderate-income households.

Since 2005, the HTF received \$18 million from the State's Capital Outlay Fund. In FY2013, about \$4 million was allocated to the Housing Trust Fund from the State's General Fund.

New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA)⁹

The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) is a quasi-public entity that provides financing for housing and other related services to low- to moderate-income New Mexicans at no cost to taxpayers. MFA is the state's official housing agency, and administers more than 30 programs, initiatives, and funding mechanisms to build affordable rental communities, offer emergency shelter, rehabilitate aging homes and provide rental assistance and subsidies. Since its creation in 1975, 17,048 affordable housing units have been built or preserved, 75,180 households have received rental assistance, and 169,434 individuals experiencing homelessness have received emergency shelter and assistance.

New Mexico State Affordable Housing Tax Credit¹⁰

The State offers credits on income taxes, gross receipts taxes, and compensating taxes to any eligible individual, business, and local or tribal government that donate land, buildings, cash or services for an affordable housing project approved by the Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) or for a trust fund administered by the MFA. The credit is equal to 50% of the value of the donation.

The State Tax Credit program began in 2006 with \$200,000 in available credits. In 2007, \$500,000 was available, and in 2008 the amount available was equal \$1.85 per capita, or an estimated \$3.5 million. The state tax credit is available for single-family homebuyer projects, multifamily rental projects, and transitional housing and emergency shelters.

Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program¹¹

The federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program is one of the most important affordable housing programs available in New Mexico for supportive housing development. 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. In New Mexico, the MFA administers the LIHTC program. The LIHTC program

⁸ <http://nlihc.org/rental-programs/catalog/new-mexico-housing-trust-fund> and <http://housingtrustfundproject.org/new-mexico-wins-3-million-for-state-housing-trust-fund/>

⁹ <http://www.housingnm.org/>

¹⁰ http://nmceh.org/pages/reports/BH_Collaborative_Housing_Plan_December_2007.pdf

¹¹ <http://www.housingnm.org/developers/low-income-housing-tax-credits-lihtc>

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income targeting 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.

Through New Mexico's Special Needs Housing Program, the MFA also gives bonus points to housing developers applying for Low Income Housing Tax Credits who agree to reserve units for individuals with disabilities referred by Housing Local Lead Agencies.

New Mexico Housing First Programs¹²

Programs based on the Housing First model began operating in New Mexico in 2005. There are three programs in direct receipt of local and state general funding to help support their programs at this time:

- The Housing First Program of Albuquerque: for chronically homeless persons with behavioral health diagnoses in the Albuquerque Area (profiled below);
- Linkages: for adults with co-occurring disorders of severe mental illness and substance abuse who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- Transitions: for youth aging out of foster care and/or exiting the juvenile justice system.

The Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico administers the City of Albuquerque's Housing First Program. Its primary purpose is to provide rental assistance to chronically homeless persons who have behavioral health problems and offers immediate housing to eligible persons referred from case management agencies.

Albuquerque Heading Home¹³

Albuquerque Heading Home is an initiative that was launched in 2011, in the midst of one of the coldest winters in the city. The goal of the initiative is to focus resources around people experiencing chronic homelessness and medical vulnerabilities. Since its launch, more than 440 people who were the most prone to passing away due to extreme cold temperatures have been housed. More than 80% of the people housed through the initiative suffer from a mental or behavioral condition.

Supportive Housing Programs

Linkages¹⁴

- Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative's tenant-based Permanent Supportive Housing Program for homeless adults who are diagnosed with severe mental illness and who are functionally impaired (including Native Americans living off reservation).
- Provides 88 housing rental vouchers statewide in five service areas. Western Regional Housing Authority (WRHA) is the housing administrator.
- Border Area Mental Health Services (BAMHS) determines an individual's eligibility for the program based on the Linkages program criteria: serious mental illness and housing need and appropriateness for the program.

¹² http://nmceh.org/pages/reports/housing_task_force_report_v6-1.pdf.

¹³ http://www.abqheadinghome.org/wp-content/uploads/CABQ_HousingFirstCostStudy_OneYear_FinalReport_Finalv3_062011.pdf.

¹⁴ <http://www.wrha-nm.org/linkages.aspx>.

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- A range of supportive services aimed at helping participants obtain and remain in independent housing is provided through the Comprehensive Community Support Services (CCSS) program funded through Value Options.

Healthy Home Peer Experts Supportive Housing Program¹⁵

- Funded through SAMHSA's Mental Health Transformation Grant (MHTG)
- Piloted provision of evidence-based trauma-informed permanent supportive housing (PSH) to adults with severe mental illness (SMI) and co-occurring disorders (CODs) who were homeless or at risk of homelessness in Santa Fe County.
- As of April 1, 2015, the program has provided housing supports to 282 individuals.
- The cornerstone of the pilot was provision of Comprehensive Community Support Services (CCSS) by Certified Peer Support Specialists (CPSSs) and the creation of a Peer Evaluator position and accompanying manual.
- Project staff collaborates with local community partners to ensure outreach and engagement of diverse populations, provision of PSH, refinement of referral processes, identification of new supportive housing nits, and workforce development for service providers for this special needs population.

Transition Services Program¹⁶

- Permanent Supportive Housing program developed by the State's Child, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) in 2007
- Provided services to Juvenile Justice System-involved youth and their families during the commitment period and through parole and transition into the community.
- In September 2008, CYFD merged the Transition Services Program with the Protective Services Independent Living Program serving youth aging out of foster care. Together, these merged programs provide intensive care coordination and support to CYFD-involved transitioning youth, including Permanent Supportive Housing.

Other New Mexico Housing Resource Opportunities¹⁷

- Primero Loan Program
- BUILD IT Loan Guaranty Program
- Catholic Charities
- Mesilla Valley Community of Hope
- The Life Link

¹⁵ <http://thelifelink.org/our-services/healthy-homes-peer-support-services/>

¹⁶ <http://cyfd.org/transition-services>

¹⁷ http://www.needhelp-payingbills.com/html/new_mexico_eviction_prevention_services.html