



# DELAWARE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS RELEASE

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## **Shelters and services for the homeless receive financial boost**

Nine Delaware emergency and transitional shelters for the homeless received a financial boost from the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) to continue to bring needed services to the homeless in lower Delaware. A total of \$99,187 in federal funds was awarded to homeless providers through a competitive application process in which DSHA has participated for twenty-one consecutive years.

DSHA administers the federal Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program in Kent and Sussex Counties. Agencies receiving awards included:

**Home of the Brave Foundation Inc.**, Milford, was awarded \$12,000 to assist with essential services and operational expenses of providing homeless and transitional housing assistance to veterans.

**The Shepherd Place, Inc.**, Dover, was awarded \$12,000 to defray operating costs. The shelter serves families and unaccompanied single women.

**Sussex County Community Crisis Housing Services, Inc.**, Georgetown, was awarded \$12,000 to assist with operational expenses of providing homeless families

living in the emergency and transitional shelter. The shelter serves men, women and children.

**Whatcoat Social Service Agency**, Dover, was awarded \$17,000 to assist with homeless prevention activities, such as emergency rental or mortgage assistance for persons that are in imminent danger of being homeless and operating expenses. The agency's Ruth N. Dorsey Shelter serves women, men, and families.

**Casa San Francisco**, Milton, was awarded \$18,000 to provide homelessness prevention activities for homeless men and women to assist with operating expenses.

**Aid in Dover**, Dover, was awarded \$9,500 for operations to serve homeless youth. **God's Way Transition Home**, Milford, was awarded \$5,000 for operating costs. This facility serves single men who have completed a Christian Rehabilitation program.

**Mission of Hope**, Seaford, was awarded \$8,600 for essential services and operations to serve homeless adult males.

**Abriendo Puertas**, Georgetown, was awarded \$5,000 for essential services and operations to serve non-English speaking Latino women who are victims of abuse, and their children.

According to DSHA Director Sandy Johnson, "With nearly one-third of Delaware's homeless population located in Kent and Sussex Counties, shelters and agencies providing transitional housing greatly need our help. These grants will enable more homeless Delawareans to have a roof over their heads, plus receive the support they need as they seek permanent housing. Our goal is to have every emergency shelter adequately equipped with space and services so that no homeless person or family is turned away."

Since the Emergency Shelter Grants Program first became accessible through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1987, DSHA has awarded \$1,422,567 to assist, improve or expand the services provided by Kent and Sussex County shelters and homeless service providers.

For more information on next year's application process, contact Paula Voshell at DSHA, at (302) 739-4263, or e-mail her at [paula@destatehousing.com](mailto:paula@destatehousing.com). Information can also be obtained through DSHA's website at [www.destatehousing.com](http://www.destatehousing.com)

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