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Shelters and services for the homeless receive financial boost

Eight 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 \$100,233 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 Program (ESGP) in Kent and Sussex Counties. Agencies awarded were:

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 \$18,000 to assist with operational expenses of providing homeless families living in the emergency and transitional shelter. The shelter serves men, women and children.

People's Place, Dover, was awarded \$10,000 to assist with operating expenses for their shelter which serves women, men, and families.

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

Aid in Dover, Dover, was awarded \$10,000 for operations to serve homeless youth.

God's Way Transition Home, Milford, was awarded \$8,000 for operating costs. This facility serves single men and women who have completed a rehabilitation program or are in need of emergency housing.

Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing, Dover, was awarded \$8,000 for operations and essential services to serve homeless individuals.

According to Director Anas Ben Addi, "DSHA plays a key role in helping Delaware residents find housing that is affordable to them. With the current struggling economy forcing more families out of their homes, these grants will assist Kent & Sussex County agencies in providing vital shelter and emergency services. It is our goal to have every emergency shelter adequately equipped 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 Valerie Miller at DSHA, at (302) 739-4263, or e-mail her at valerie@destatehousing.com. Information can also be obtained through DSHA's website at www.destatehousing.com

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