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SHELTERS AND SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS RECEIVE FINANCIAL BOOST

Seven 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 \$98,000.00 in federal funds was awarded to homeless providers through a competitive application process in which DSHA has participated for twenty-four consecutive years.

Governor Jack Markell commented, "Especially at this time of year, it is important to note that these shelters provide a vital mission to the people they serve and to the community. This funding gives them the ability to maintain, improve and expand upon what they are doing for families and individuals in need."

According to DSHA Director Anas Ben Addi, "Homelessness is a very real and increasing issue not only in Delaware, but across the nation. These agencies provide essential services for people in need. The ESGP funding will allow them to continue assisting families and children who have found themselves in a difficult situation."

DSHA administers the federal Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) in Kent and Sussex Counties. Agencies awarded were:

Aid in Dover, Inc., Dover, was awarded \$15,000 to provide emergency shelter for homeless persons and families and to assist with operating and administration expenses.

Abriendo Puertas, Georgetown, was awarded \$10,000 for administrative expenses and operations to serve non-English speaking Latino women who are victims of abuse and their children.

Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing, Dover, was awarded \$18,000 for operations and administration expenses to serve homeless individuals.

The Home of the Brave Foundation, Inc., Milford, was awarded \$13,000 to assist with operating and administrative expenses in order to provide shelter to homeless persons.

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 \$20,000 to assist with operational expenses of providing homeless families living in the emergency and transitional shelter. The shelter serves men, women, and children.

Whatcoat, Dover, was awarded \$10,000 to assist with operating and administrative expenses for the shelter which serves women, men, and families.

Since the Emergency Shelter Grants Program first became accessible through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1987, DSHA has awarded \$1,620,915 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 Stephanie Killen at DSHA, at (302) 739-4263, or e-mail her at Stephanie@destatehousing.com. Information can also be obtained through DSHA's website at www.DeStateHousing.com

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