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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 \$92,913 in federal funds was awarded to homeless providers through a competitive application process in which DSHA has participated for eighteen consecutive years.

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

Home of the Brave Foundation Inc., Milford, was awarded \$8,655 to assist with operational expenses of providing homeless and transitional housing assistance to veterans.

The Shepherd Place, Inc., Dover, was awarded \$6,300 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 \$8,933 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, couples and families.

Casa San Francisco, Milton, was awarded \$18,900 to provide homelessness prevention activities for homeless men, women and children and to assist with operating costs.

Aid in Dover, Dover, was awarded \$13,125 for operations to serve homeless youth.

Seaford Mission, Seaford, was awarded \$25,000 for major conversion of four transitional housing sites for homeless men.

According to DSHA Director Sandy Johnson, "With 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 \$1,032,913 to assist, improve or expand the services provided by Kent and Sussex County shelters and homeless service providers.

Agencies receiving funds for major conversion through this program have agreed to continue providing shelter or services to the homeless for the next 10 years.

For more information on next year's application process, contact Paula Voshell at DSHA, at (302) 739-4263, or e-mail her at paula@dsha.state.de.us. Information can also be obtained through DSHA's website at www2.state.de.us.

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