

Housing Services Memo

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Total State Funds (04/01/22 – 06/30/24): \$1,246,844

Total Federal Funds (01/01/22 – 09/30/25): \$9,064,600.57

Funding & services delivered by CMHCs/CCBHCs:

- Options Supportive Housing
- Supported Housing Funds
- KAN-House
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)

Funding & services delivered by Housing & Homeless Services Entities:

- Housing First Southeast Kansas Initiative
- TRIP 2.0 (Transition In Place)
- Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition Original Contract
- Pathways Housing First Institute
- Topeka Housing Boundary Spanner
- Wichita Housing Boundary Spanner
- Kansas Balance of State Housing Boundary Spanner
- Destination Home

Funding & services delivered by the State:

- Kansas SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, & Recovery)

Funding & services delivered by local governments:

- City of Lawrence Homeless Program Coordinator
- Julia Orlando Consultation

Funding for Legal Services:

- Housing & Employment Initiative- Kansas Legal Services

STATE GENERAL FUNDS

Housing First Southeast Kansas Initiative- \$336,784.00 10/01/2022-06/30/2023

- This allocation will be used to provide infrastructure, and the implementation of the Housing First Evidence Based Practices across Southeast Kansas. Housing First will always have the primary goal of ending the homeless situation and allowing the client the ability to pursue personal goals and improve their quality of life from a situation of stabilized housing. Supportive services and resource navigation are imperative to the permanency of housing stabilization as these elements create the environment from which the client can seek out and achieve their personal recovery and quality of life goals. With these ideals, and the basic principles of housing first, we will be able to provide additional support and housing resources to clients facing homelessness throughout the 11 counties of Southeast Kansas.

Options Supportive Housing- Went out for RFA in FY23

11/01/22-06/30/23 4 Awardees (CMHC/CCBHC) \$92,250.00

07/01/23-06/30/24 Amendments \$92,250.00

- This agreement/program used to be called Interim Housing; the name of the agreement and program has been changed to align with the goals of the NFMH Settlement Agreement. KDADS Options Supportive Housing Grant Agreement, has been created to provide immediate, safe, and habitable community-based housing and housing supportive services and interventions guided by informed choice. The primary objectives for Options Supportive Housing will be to offer supportive self-directed services and supports in the least restrictive environment to reduce street homelessness, admission to emergency homeless shelters and/or publicly funded institutions for individuals with behavioral health barriers. The Options Supportive Housing program is a short-term (up to nine month) supportive housing program model that has been designed to connect individuals within the targeted population to emergency housing, evidenced based supports, and services needed to ensure successful community integration and access to permanent supportive housing in the community.
- All programmatic services, supports, and interventions shall follow the 5-Supportive Housing Principles:
 - **(1) Informed Consumer Choice**
Choice in housing and recovery-oriented services and supports with an emphasis on individual self-determination. “Informed choice delivery must ensure, to the maximum extent possible, that persons with cognitive limitations fully understand the available options for supportive housing and community based supportive services. Participants shall be provided an array of housing opportunities that will include community experiences, to assist with decision making that could lead to the development of preferences about those options and be able to have the ability to choose other options. Further, those responsible for implementing these decisions must be able to understand the person’s communicated preference and then must acknowledge and respect their expressed preference.”
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01947648.2020.1731329>
 - **(2) Separation of Housing and Treatment**
(A) Access to integrated housing opportunities and self-directed supportive services with low barrier, low access admission procedures.
(B) Individual participants in the program shall be referred to Housing and Urban Developments (HUD) Coordinated Entry System and/or HUD programming and services within 72 hours of admission to the housing unit.
 - **(3) Provide Services to Match Individual Need and Cognitive Limitations**
Programs shall be based on individual’s recovery support systems and service delivery shall be client centered and support informed decision making.
 - **(4) Recovery Oriented Service Delivery**

Ongoing, positive, hopeful, affirming recovery support through health and wellness lifestyle coaching, and informed choice interventions.

- **(5) Social Community Integration**

Supporting a life in the community like everyone else, through intensive self-directed services and supports on an as needed and on-going basis in the least restrictive environment.

- Awardees consist of:

○ Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center	FY23- \$42,344.00	FY24- \$42,344.00
○ Elizabeth Layton Center, Inc.	FY23- \$11,170.00	FY24- \$11,170.00
○ Johnson County Mental Health Center	FY23- \$10,000.00	FY24- \$10,000.00
○ Wyandot Center for CBH, Inc.	FY23- \$28,736.00	FY24- \$28,736.00

Supported Housing Funds- All 25 CMHC/CCBHCs \$535,714.00 07/30/22-06/30/23

- The Supported Housing Fund (SHF) program provides an affordable housing resource to low-income, homeless, or potentially homeless people with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) and/or SMI with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Co-Occurring impairment or diagnosis. The goal is to provide individuals with SMI and individuals with co-occurring SMI and SUD the help and support they need to stay housed and live more integrative, independent, healthy, productive, and fulfilling lives. The SHF program supports eligible individuals to obtain and maintain safe, affordable, and habitable housing in the least restrictive environment possible. This is achieved by providing temporary funds to meet the cost of their housing needs.

Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition Original Contract- \$64,000.00 07/30/22-06/30/23

- The Kansas Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC) is a contractor whose roles and responsibilities are determined by HUD and fully described in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule. The contractor will be the primary entity responsible for the following:
 - Developing a community wide or region wide process involving the coordination or a diverse continuum of care network; Evaluate the outcomes of projects for which funds are awarded in the BoS CoC; participate in the consolidated plan for the jurisdictions in the geographic area; prepare and submit an annual application to HUD; Establish and operate a coordinated assessment system and monitor recipients of the CoC program and enforce compliance with program requirements.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANT (ARP CRISIS SET-ASIDE)

TRIP 2.0 (Transition In Place)- \$747,398.00 04/01/22-10/31/2023 (expects to extend timeline)

- Through Mental Health America of the Heartland (MHAH), a total of nine individuals who meet criteria for the substance abuse federal block grant program will be provided appropriate housing with sufficient recovery-oriented community supports for a period of 12 months after discharge or diversion from a Nursing Facility for Mental Health or the State Psychiatric Hospital. MHAH will subcontract with Valeo Behavioral Healthcare who will provide client-driven services aimed to keep the individual housed. Upon completion of the 12-month period, participants in the program will be stabilized and assume the lease on the unit.

Wichita Housing Boundary Spanner- **\$210,000.00** **02/01/23-09/30/25**

- KDADS is enhancing the current Coordinated Entry Process for person with a Behavioral Health Diagnosis through adding a staff position within United Way of the Plains, the Sedgwick County Continuum of Care (COC) Lead Agency. The Crisis Housing Boundary Spanner who will take referrals from KDADS and other State and Community agencies within Sedgwick County for consumers that meet the federal block grant definitions of Serious Mental Illness (SMI), and/or Co-Occurring Disorder. The boundary spanner will work across the other COC locations in the State to develop a streamlining process for HMIS, and consumers exiting institutions who would like to re-locate to other parts of the States COC catchment areas. This Boundary Spanner position will coincide with the work being done through the NFMH Pre-litigation Settlement Agreement.

Julia Orlando Consultation- **\$250,013.47** **12/01/22-09/30/25**

- Julia Orlando will be providing consultation services that include training, webinars, workshops, and technical assistance. As part of this agreement Julia will be providing training to county/city homeless stakeholder teams, providing workshops and training to Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum's of Care to reduce homelessness for individuals with a behavioral health diagnosis. Julia will be providing on-site and on-line trainings on Olmstead programming and interventions to help reduce and prevent homelessness for disabled persons exiting publicly funded institutions. This training is requirement in the KDADS, KDHE, DRC Settlement Agreement Outcome Goal #3. Julia will be visiting counties and cities and collaborating with community stakeholders that are trying to incorporate the Housing First and Built for Zero Programs to reduce homelessness.

Kansas Balance of State Housing Boundary Spanner- **\$215,820.00** **01/01/22-09/30/25**

- KDADS, in partnership with Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition and Kansas Balance of State Continuum of Care (101 counties), created a process for remote phone VISPDAT assessments to ensure that individuals with SMI or Co-Occurring SUD, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness have immediate access to the VISPDAT assessment tool and Coordinated Entry. Individuals who are found to be part of the targeted population will be referred to an appropriate coordinated entry by name list for HUD housing programming and supports. KDADS is enhancing this process through adding a Kansas Statewide Homeless Behavioral Health Crisis Boundary Spanner position who will take referrals from KDADS contracted provider agencies, CCBHC's and CMHC's for consumers who meet eligibility for HUD's Coordinated Entry Process and are part of SAMHSA's Mental Health Block Grant Targeted Population.

SABG ARPA

Destination Home- **\$953,035.00** **04/01/22-09/30/25**

- Through this collaborative effort the Destination Home Collaborative Teams will develop and market a crisis response system for substance abuse recovery supportive services. This integrated service model will include coordination and collaboration with the Balance of State's Regional Continuum of Care (COC) regional providers, KDADS Licensed Federal Block Grant Substance Abuse Providers, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC's), KDADS Licensed Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC's) and the State's Nursing Facilities for Mental Health. This collaborative effort will ensure the delivery and introduction of evidenced based programming and recovery support service located in Semi-Urban, Rural, and Frontier areas within the State. Participants in the Destination Home program will be introduced to the Housing 1st approach, Health and Wellness Coaching, and Functional Zero programming models throughout Kansas' Balance of State social service systems.

OTHER CONTRACTS

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)- 5 Awardees (CMHCs)

Federal= \$377,537.00

State Match (\$1 to \$3) = \$125,846.00

08/01/22-07/31/23

- PATH was created as part of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990 (P.L. 101.645). The goal of PATH formula grants is to reduce or eliminate homelessness for individuals with serious mental illnesses (SMI) and co-occurring substance use disorders (COD) and who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. PATH funds are used to provide a menu of allowable services, including outreach, case management, and direct care supports and housing supportive services. Through its services, PATH links the population of individuals with serious mental illnesses (SMI) and co-occurring substance use disorders (COD), who experience persistent and pervasive health disparities, to mainstream and other supportive services. Collectively, the PATH resources help individuals experiencing, or at risk for homelessness with SMI/COD, secure safe and stable emergent and permanent housing, improve their health, and live a self-directed, purposeful life.
- Awardees consist of:
 - Bert Nash CMHC \$88,784.00
 - Central Kansas MHC \$36,006.00
 - COMCARE of Sedgwick County \$123,635.00
 - Valeo BHC \$116,512.00
 - Wyandot Center for CBHC \$100,989.00

Housing & Employment Initiative- Kansas Legal Services

SABG= \$783,812.00

MHBG ARPA= \$783,812.00

01/01/22-09/30/25

- Legal problems often create individual and systemic barriers to employment for persons with a behavioral health diagnosis. These barriers are often a direct impact on the individual's ability to meet basic needs, remain residing independently in the community and sustain gainful competitive employment. The Kansas Legal Services Team shall work directly with the State of Kansas's Community Mental Health Centers specialized case management teams, and mental health block grant eligible individuals with a behavioral health diagnosis to ensure that individuals are offered supportive assistance with filing court documents, training and educational programming to reduce barriers and improve access to gainful competitive employment and fair housing as part of the individual's person-centered recovery treatment plan.

OTHER PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Kansas SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, & Recovery)

SOAR helps states and communities increase access to Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI/SSDI) benefits for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. KDADS BHS Housing Division oversees the SOAR implementation, training, and data collection for the State of Kansas.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources/grant-programs-services/soar#:~:text=SAMHSA's%20SOAR%20program%20increases%20access,co%20occurring%20substance%20use%20disorder.>