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## **More than \$1 Million Approved to Address Housing Needs of Ohioans Living with AIDS or HIV**

*Four organizations will serve approximately 2,900 individuals*

**COLUMBUS** – To address the housing needs of Ohioans living with AIDS or HIV-related diseases, the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) has approved grants to four organizations that will serve more than 2,600 Ohioans. The grants, totaling \$1,274,948, were awarded through the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program, a federal program which is administered by ODSA's Office of Community Development.

“Our partnership with these organizations continues our effort to strengthen Ohio's communities through targeted programming, improving the lives of its residents,” said Christiane Schmenk, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. “For those living with AIDS or HIV, access to affordable housing and supportive services can make a difference on their health as well as their overall quality of life.”

**AIDS Resource Center Ohio** (Montgomery County) will receive \$953,848 to provide housing and supportive housing services to individuals living with AIDS or HIV in the cities of Athens, Dayton, Lima, Mansfield, Marietta, Marion, Portsmouth, and Toledo as well as in surrounding counties. Funding will help provide rental, mortgage and utility assistance and case management services to 2,397 people.

**Community AIDS Network** (Summit County) will receive \$200,000 to operate the Community AIDS Housing and Support Project in Portage and Summit counties. The funding will support the operation of Micah House and Harmony Place that serve 110 individuals living with AIDS or HIV, and provide short-term rental assistance and housing assistance to 90 people.

**Community Services of Stark County, Inc.** (Stark County) will receive \$20,000 to provide housing and supportive housing services to individuals living with AIDS or HIV in Carroll, Harrison, Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties. Funding will help provide rental, mortgage and utility assistance and case management services to 40 people.

**COMPASS Family and Community Services** (Mahoning County) will receive \$101,100 to provide housing and supportive housing services to individuals living with AIDS or HIV in Ashtabula, Columbiana, Jefferson, Mahoning and Trumbull counties. Funding will provide rental, mortgage and utility assistance and case management services to 126 people, as well as supportive housing services to 157 people.

*The **Office of Community Development**, located within the Ohio Development Services Agency's Community Services Division, provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities that benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

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