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**Nearly \$600,000 Approved to Assist Emergency Shelters and Other Supportive Housing Efforts in Ohio**

**Columbus, Ohio** – Ohio organizations working to provide supportive housing for those Ohioans in need are getting assistance from the state to continue those efforts. Today, 10 organizations operating emergency shelters and supportive housing facilities will receive grants totaling \$588,800 through the Ohio Housing Trust Fund Supportive Housing Discretionary Grant Program, administered by the Department's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

The funds will improve 12 buildings and assist approximately 1,469 households, consisting of 2,686 people with incomes at or below 35 percent of the area median income.

"There are roughly 12,000 homeless Ohioans who depend on these organizations for shelter," said Mark Kvamme, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "The repairs being made are critical in keeping shelters functioning efficiently for the good of those Ohioans in need."

The following organizations received Supportive Housing Discretionary Grant Program awards:

**American Rescue Workers** (Stark County) will receive \$77,800 to improve an 18-bed homeless shelter for homeless men. Funds will be used to install four interior security cameras, repair two exterior cameras, repair electrical problems, replace light fixtures, and install central air. The project will serve 250 people.

**Aurora Project, Inc.** (Lucas County) will receive \$59,500 to improve the Victorian home that houses homeless women and children. The home was built in the 1860's. The funds will be used to install air conditioning in the kitchen, dining room, and offices. The project will serve 44 households, consisting of 61 people.

**Beach House** (Lucas County) will receive \$87,500 to improve three bathrooms at the emergency homeless shelter for homeless families and single women. The funds will be used to replace the flooring, ceilings, faucets, showers, tubs, and toilets, as well as convert the full bath into an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant walk-in shower. The funds will also be used to replace 27 windows and repair water damaged ceilings, floors, and walls in the linen closet. The project will assist 104 households, consisting of 260 people.

**Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo** will receive \$29,200 to improve the La Posada emergency shelter serving homeless single adults and families in Toledo. Funds will be used to install a fire alarm system and update the security system. The funds will also be used to install a security system and replace the furnace and hot water tank at Miriam's House, which serves homeless women and children in Huron County. The project will serve 83 households, consisting of 184 people.

**Neighborhood House Association of Lorain County, Inc.** (Lorain County) will receive \$42,800 to improve a 68-bed emergency shelter serving homeless men, women, and families. Funds will be used to replace HVAC units. The project will serve 380 households, consisting of 560 people.

**Over-the-Rhine Community Housing** (Hamilton County) will receive \$81,800 to improve Buddy's

Place, a 20-room supportive housing program serving homeless men and women. Funds will be used to make repairs to the roof and building to improve its structural integrity, as well as eliminate water damage and prevent mold. The project will serve 24 people.

**Pike County Outreach Council of Churches, Inc.** will receive \$36,700 to improve a 10-bed emergency shelter serving homeless individuals and families. Funds will be used to replace the tub and liner, toilet, sink, and exhaust fan in the upstairs bathroom. The funds will also be used to install a new air conditioner; repair and replace doors; repair and paint walls; build an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant entrance; install new lighting; and waterproof the basement. The project will serve 60 households, consisting of 80 people.

**The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland** (Cuyahoga County) will receive \$45,200 to improve the Zelma George Emergency Shelter for homeless women and children, as well as the PASS (Pick up Assessment and Shelter Services) Transitional Housing Program for homeless men. Both programs are located at the Harbor Lights Complex in downtown Cleveland. Funds will be used to install locks, relays, and smoke detectors; upgrade the fire system; and install new doors. The project will serve 354 households, consisting of 879 people.

**Volunteers of America of Northwest Ohio** (Erie County) will receive \$49,900 to improve an emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families. Funds will be used to replace four damaged HVAC units and replace 40 windows. The project will serve 141 households, consisting of 346 people.

**YWCA of Van Wert County** will receive \$78,400 to improve the transitional housing for homeless women and children in Van Wert, Mercer, and Paulding counties. Funds will be used to replace 34 windows; update a bathroom; repair a stairwell and walls; install 23 ceiling fans; make kitchen repairs by replacing cupboards, two refrigerators, and three stoves; refinish wood floors; and repair a sidewalk. The project will serve 29 households, consisting of 42 people.

*The **Office of Housing and Community Partnerships** provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities which benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

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