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More Than \$500,000 Approved to Assist Emergency Shelters and Other Supportive Housing Efforts in Ohio

Columbus – Five organizations operating emergency shelters and supportive and transitional housing facilities will receive grants totaling \$504,200 through the Ohio Housing Trust Fund Supportive Housing Discretionary Grant Program. The program is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

The funds will improve 13 buildings and assist approximately 2,000 households, consisting of more than 2,800 people with incomes at or below 35 percent of the area median income.

"We are investing in organizations with the mission of helping vulnerable Ohioans better their lives," said James A. Leftwich, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "We want to ensure they have the necessary facilities and tools to succeed in their efforts."

The following organizations will receive Supportive Housing Discretionary Grant Program awards:

Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons (Cuyahoga County) will receive \$63,300 to make improvements to the Norma Herr Women's Center, a 135-bed emergency shelter serving homeless women and children, and the North Point Transitional Housing program serving homeless men. The funds will be used to install security equipment, including six security doors and communications panels, panic buttons, a front door camera and intercom, and a video alarm and monitoring system at the women's center. The funds will also be used to purchase and install video recorders for safety at the men's shelter. The project will serve 1,660 households consisting of 2,232 people.

Neighborhood Properties, Inc., (Lucas County) will receive \$150,000 to repair eight apartment buildings serving homeless individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. The repairs will include replacing roofing at five properties, the water heaters at three properties, and the boiler systems at two properties. The project will serve 83 households consisting of 97 people.

The Linda Vista Project, Inc., (Montgomery County) will receive \$84,300 to replace the roof, install exterior and interior security cameras, and install exterior safety lighting at the facility. The organization provides transitional housing and supportive services to homeless single women and children. The funds will also be used to install security fencing, replace exterior locks, install a new sump pump, replace a tub and showers, and replace the boiler and water heaters. The project will serve eight households consisting of 18 people.

The Main Place (Knox County) will receive \$110,600 to upgrade the electrical service and heating and cooling units. The organization operates a six-unit transitional housing program serving homeless people with mental health and/or substance abuse disorders. The project includes new 800 amp meters and new 100 amp breaker boxes for each apartment benefiting six households.

Salvation Army of Wooster (Wayne County) will receive \$96,000 to make improvements to the emergency shelter serving homeless men, women, and families. The funds will be used to repair and improve the building's plumbing, HVAC system, and freight elevator, as well as to complete tuck point masonry, paint the building's interior and exterior walls, apply exterior caulking, and repair doors and

door frames. The project will serve 250 households consisting of 500 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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