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## Local Agencies Get Money to Help Homeless Ohioans

Eighty local organizations are receiving grants to keep emergency shelters open and give the homeless a place to stay. The Ohio Development Services Agency is granting more than \$26.3 million dollars to support homeless prevention, emergency shelters and transitional and supportive housing projects.

“We are providing our local communities the resources needed to assist the homeless and help these Ohioans get back on their feet,” said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Grants from the **Homeless Crisis Response Program** will help 55 nonprofit and local government agencies operate emergency shelters and rapidly move individuals from emergency shelters to permanent housing. More than 49,000 Ohioans will be assisted through the program. Funding for the program is from the Ohio Housing Trust Fund and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant program.

Grants from the **Supportive Housing Program** will help 37 nonprofit agencies transition homeless Ohioans to permanent housing or provide permanent supportive housing to homeless people with disabilities. Approximately 4,800 people will be assisted through the program. Funding for the program is from the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

Local agencies in southern Ohio receiving grants are:

<b>County</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Program</b>
Gallia	Serenity House	\$27,100	Homeless Crisis Response Program
Scioto	Scioto Christian Ministry, Inc.	\$71,000	Homeless Crisis Response Program
Washington	EVE, Incorporated	\$50,000	Supportive Housing Program
	The Community Action Program Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties	\$450,000	Homeless Crisis Response Program

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