SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE ACT (SHIA)
AWARDED PROJECTS
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Fresno County Supportive Housing Collaborative: Fresno County ($450,000)

The primary target population served will be persons with a severe mental illness and a substance abuse disorder who are at risk of homelessness. The program is expected to serve 20 clients each year. This is a collaborative effort between the Fresno County Department of Adult Services, Turning Point of Central California, the Family Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and consumers who will provide peer support and recovery activities.

Mental Health Association in Los Angeles County: Los Angeles County ($450,000)

This innovative home ownership model called 'My Front Door' is sponsored by the Mental Health Association in partnership with 'The Village,' located in Long Beach, which is an integrated service center for persons with mental illness. Other partners include specific independent living agencies representing each disability category served – physical, mental and developmental -- who will provide support services to homeowners before, during and after purchase. This pilot program will help individuals to purchase condominium homes in the urban city of Long Beach and rural communities located throughout the Antelope Valley.

The Marin Housing Authority: Marin County ($450,000)

This project will create a highly innovative service delivery team that will support the expansion of their existing Shelter Plus Care Program from 55 to 90 homeless individuals with severe mental illness. The expanded program will include additional peer case mangers, physical health professionals, and an overall increase in consumer involvement. The project will also begin collaboration with Palm Court Housing to secure and lease 10 units of housing for chronically homeless individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. Other collaborative partners include the Corporation for Supportive Housing, Community Mental Health Services, the Ritter House, Homeward Bound of Marin, and Community Action Marin.

Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers: Los Angeles County ($444,767)

The population to be served is Asian Pacific Islanders who have been identified by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACMH) as high users of mental health services (a minimum of $30,000 per year). Forty housing slots will be created for residents of this project. Collaborative partners include LACMH, the City of Los Angeles Housing Authority, and the HUD-funded Shelter Plus Care.

The Arc San Francisco: San Francisco County ($226,261)

The target population for this project is 75-100 men and women with developmental disabilities, including many persons 65 years of age and older with multiple disabilities. Grant funds will be used to help provide residents with access to affordable, subsidized or multiple-occupant housing, assistance in procuring housing, and linkages to programmatic support services. The Arc's collaborative partners include the City and County of San Francisco's Mayor's Office of Housing, the California Housing Finance Agency's Affordable Housing Program, the Affordable Housing Program of the California Community Reinvestment Corporation, and HUD.

The County of San Diego, Mental Health Services: San Diego County ($450,000)

A consortium of county agencies will provide a model to meet the needs of critically underserved 18-21 year-old adults who are aging out of foster care, exiting institutions, have a mental illness, and are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. The project will help tenants locate and maintain secure, permanent, "mainstream" housing throughout San Diego. The project will screen at least 120 persons and place and support 50 residents with the help of youth consumers and youth advocates.

Shields For Families, Inc.: Los Angeles County ($425,000)

The population to be served is persons who have a mental illness, are homeless, and who are returning to the Watts and Compton communities after completing their sentences in the county jails. The project will provide housing for 40 individuals at any given time. Los Angeles is ranked 43rd out of 45 metropolitan areas on housing affordability. Mental health treatment, case management, and substance abuse counseling, as well as medical, vocational and educational services, will be provided.

Redwood Community Action: Humboldt County ($309,500)

The focus of this grant project is transition age youth, ages 18-21, who are aging out of foster care in rural Humboldt county. Targeted to solve a priority community problem, it will serve 20 youth each year that have a mental illness, dual diagnosis, or substance abuse issues. This will be a model offering permanent housing options in scattered site apartments, with the youth tenants signing their own leases, or co-signing leases with Redwood Community Action. In addition, tenants may choose to live in congregate housing settings, or enroll in shared sober housing operated by Alcohol and Drug Care Services, Inc.

LAMP, Inc.: Los Angeles County ($372,180)

The LAMP project will provide permanent housing for 129 adults with mental illness, HIV/AIDS, or substance abuse issues whom are living on the streets of Skid Row in Los Angeles. This project will expand their current permanent and transition housing with additional room for 64 more tenants. LAMP will demonstrate the harm reduction model in conjunction with the twelve-step program philosophy, and will offer the full array of possible