

Housing for Marginalized Populations

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THDA's Strategic Plan

Goal:

Meaningfully expand or preserve the housing resources of hard-to-serve populations at risk for homelessness

Where to play:

Populations who do not have affordable housing programs targeted to their needs who are receiving services through the TN Department of Children Services, TN Department of Corrections, and other relevant state agencies.

- Ex-Offenders
- Youth Transitioning out of the State's Foster Care System

THDA's Strategic Plan

Goal:

Work to develop resources that would improve the stability of individuals and families who are homeless

Where to play:

Veterans experiencing homelessness, individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, families experiencing homelessness, and those at-risk of homelessness

- All priority populations in the State's Interagency Plan to End Homelessness

Tennessee Housing Trust Fund Competitive Grants Program

Competitive Grants Program

- THDA has allocated over \$49 million in General Fund resources to the Competitive Grants program to develop affordable rental housing opportunities for low and moderate income households.
- Approximately \$4M is made available annually to offer 2 funding competitions.
- Eligible applicants are nonprofits, public housing authorities, and local governments.
- Maximum grant is \$500,000.
- Compliance period of 5 – 15 years based on the per unit investment of THTF funds into the project.

Scoring Priority for Marginalized Populations

- 7 Points for projects that set-aside units for
 - Youth transitioning out of foster care
 - Ex-offenders
- 4 points for projects that set-aside units for homeless veterans
- Income Set-Aside:
 - 3 points for 25% of Units at 30% AMI
 - 1 point for 50% of units set-aside for 50% of AMI.

Scoring Priority Results

- 43 Units for Youth Transitioning out of Foster Care
 - \$1.2 M in funds
- 69 units for 142 households for Ex-Offenders
 - \$2.6 M in funds
- 71 units for homeless veterans
 - \$2.2M in funds



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Built for Zero Technical Assistance Initiative

Built for Zero TA Initiative

- Supported the participation of one Continuum of Care in the Built for Zero training initiative led by Community Solutions, Inc.
- The CoC team attended 3 learning sessions and received technical assistance in-between each session to refine their systems.
- CoC participants will learn from experts and other communities tackling this problem and craft or refine their implementation plan with measurable, community defined goals.
- THDA provided a \$10,000 grant to cover CoC's tuition for the initiative.
- CoC was required to cover all costs of travel and other local implementation costs

Result: One CoC to Participate

- Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless 
 - 12 mostly rural counties composing the donut around the City of Knoxville
 - Began participation in June 2018 with 100 homeless veterans.
 - By September 24, 2019 the CoC had reduced that count to 3 and had an established system to address those veterans who may have housing instability in the future

“Congratulations to all the partners in the TN Valley Continuum of Care for making sure local Veterans have a place to call home,” said Melanie Cordell, CEO of TVCH. “Building an effective system over such a large, mostly rural area is no small task, and our region should be proud of leading the way.”

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