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OCHN Pilots Housing Assistance Fund Program

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (December 19, 2023) – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is launching a pilot program regarding housing assistance. The Housing Assistance Fund is to provide individuals who are currently receiving outpatient services within the OCHN substance use disorder (SUD) network with funding to overcome barriers when obtaining housing.

The types of allowable expenses under this pilot program include application fees, deposits, rental assistance, utility deposits, and utility assistance.

Criteria for inclusion to this program include:

- Individual has an identified substance use disorder
- Individual has an identified need for assistance in one or more of the following areas: housing application fees, deposits, rental assistance, utility deposits, utility assistance.
- Individual is currently enrolled, and active, in OCHN-funded outpatient treatment

This pilot is expected to end at the end of Fiscal Year 2024 but may be extended depending on availability of grant funding. To apply for assistance, talk to your OCHN SUD provider to begin the application process.

For more information on the Housing Assistance Fund Program, click here.

About OCHN

OCHN is contracted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to lead a provider service network and manage care for approximately 29,000 Oakland County residents at more than 400 service sites across the county. People who receive public behavioral health services through OCHN's provider network include those who have an intellectual or developmental disability, mental health concerns, or substance use disorder. Most of these individuals have Medicaid insurance coverage.

OCHN's goal is to ensure these individuals are aware of and have access to services and supports that will improve their health and quality of life, as well as ensure their engagement in full community participation. Its mission to “inspire hope, empower people, and strengthen communities” reflects an unyielding belief in a "Valuable System for Valued People." Programs and supports provided by OCHN's service network are available at www.oaklandchn.org.