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Information from Barnstable County Department of Human Services

HUD Awards over $2.4M to Cape and Islands Homelessness Programs

The award is part of HUD's annual Continuum of Care Competition Awards through its FY23 appropriation

February 6, 2024 (Barnstable, MA) – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced the 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) awards. The Cape and Islands CoC received $2.4 million dollars in funding to aid efforts by nonprofit and government providers to quickly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness, while providing support to minimize the trauma often associated with displacement.

As the lead entity for the Cape and Islands CoC, the Department of Human Services is responsible for submission of an annual Consolidated Application. Grantees include Barnstable County, Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC), Catholic Charities of Fall River, Duffy Health Center, the MA Department of Mental Health, Sandwich Housing Authority, and Independence House, all of whom were funded as requested. In addition, this year's award funded a new project, Sandwich Housing Authority's Fresh Start Expansion, providing two additional beds to the region's inventory. Funding through the CoC program provides permanent supportive housing for 119 chronically homeless individuals on the Cape and Islands and covers administrative and operational costs.

“This award acknowledges both the strength of our application and the needs of the region,” said Joseph Pacheco, Barnstable County’s Director of Human Services. “We appreciate HUD recognizing the work of the Cape and Islands CoC and our partners, and for providing the resources needed to ensure impactful programming.”

Nationally, HUD announced over $3.16 billion in funding, which represents the largest-ever amount of Continuum of Care program funding awarded to communities to address homelessness in history and provides a critical expansion of resources at a time when rates of homelessness are rising in most communities.

The list of grantees and funded projects for Massachusetts can be found at CoC 2023 Massachusetts (hud.gov). Funding for all states and territories can be found at bit.ly/47XVvfs.

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