

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant Profile



Grant Info

- **Type of Grant:** Formula Grant
- **Area of Focus:** outreach/engagement/case management
- **Purpose of Grant:** The goal of the PATH Program is to reduce or eliminate homelessness for individuals with serious mental illnesses or serious mental illness and substance use disorders who experience homelessness or are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. PATH funds are used to provide a menu of allowable services, including street outreach, case management, and services which are not supported by mainstream mental health programs.
- **Start and End Date of Grant:** 9/1/19- 8/31/20
- **Amount of Award (all years):**
 - **Federal Award Amount:** \$300,000
 - **State Award Amount:** \$0
- **% Match Required:** 0% (\$100,000)
- **Source of Funding:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services
- **BHDDH Project Director and Email Address:**
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- **Subrecipient Agency/Agencies:** House of Hope CDC
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Overview

- The Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) is the state agency with oversight responsibility for the federal \$300,000 PATH formula grant. BHDDH contracts with a community agency, House of Hope, to provide PATH-funded services to PATH-eligible individuals statewide. In addition, BHDDH will budget approximately \$650 to cover the cost of an HMIS license for the State PATH Contact and \$350 to cover costs for attending relevant conferences/trainings.



Required Activities

Eligible Services:

- Outreach
- Screening and diagnostic treatment
- Habilitation and rehabilitation
- Community mental health services, including recovery supports (e.g. peer specialist)
- Alcohol or drug treatment
- Staff training
- Case management
- Supportive and supervisory services in residential settings
- Referral for primary health services, job training, educational services, and relevant housing services
- Housing services as specified in Section 522(b) (10) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended
- Please note that SAMHSA has provided guidance to recipient states to prioritize outreach and case management services for PATH-eligible individuals.



Approach

- House of Hope (HoH) is a community development nonprofit organization whose primary office is located in the City of Warwick, Rhode Island's second largest municipality.
- HOH offers comprehensive services intended to prevent and eliminate homelessness, including creating and managing affordable housing, street outreach, case management, and comprehensive supportive services.
- A mobile services van, Shower to Empower, began operating at two sites in the capitol City of Providence in May of 2018.
- HoH will receive \$299,000 in PATH funding for the 9/1/19 – 8/31/20 contract period and will provide a minimum of \$100,000 in matching funds



Approach (Cont'd)

- While House of Hope's service area is statewide, its efforts are focused on those geographic areas of the State having the largest numbers of individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at high risk for homelessness.
- For the 9/1/19 – 8/31/20 contract period, HoH expects to make outreach contacts with 600 individuals and to enroll 150 of these individuals into the PATH program. All of the individuals will be adults and will be literally homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.
- Primarily, services provided by HoH will consist of outreach and case management.
- Specific activities will include: administering the VI and VI-SPDAT; screening for behavioral health and physical health issues; providing case management (and intensive case management as needed); making supportive service referrals, including referrals for behavioral health and physical health care; facilitating SOAR and medical benefits determinations; facilitating entry into permanent housing; and temporarily providing housing retention supports until long-term supports can be secured.

