

## HOUSING PROGRAMS

Human Services Dept/Behavioral Health Services Division

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### Move In Assistance and Eviction Prevention Program

The Move In Assistance and Eviction Prevention (MIAEP) fund is intended to be used by individually qualified households for rent, damage deposit, utility deposits, utilities, or other approved costs directly related to housing. Applicant (or dependent) must have a diagnosed/documentated severe, persistent mental illness or co-occurring substance use disorder; once every 3 years grant amount of \$1,000.00. Each contractor provides the funds within their 3 to 9 county service area; every county in NM covered by MIAEP service providers (7). In FY21, MIAEP will serve approximately 544 households across the state.

### Crisis Housing Program

The Crisis Housing program provides temporary, transitional housing for persons with Severe Mental Illness being discharged from psychiatric centers, hospitals, jails, or other institutional settings who would otherwise be homeless. The program offers 120-day maximum stay in short-term housing with services delivered by a Certified Peer Support Worker to learn life skills, have income entitlements reinstated, find employment, and identify permanent housing in the community of choice. Projected to serve approximately 45- 50 single beneficiaries annually.

### Local Lead Agency (LLA) Stipends

The Special Needs Housing program was created in partnership with the Mortgage Finance Authority's Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Special Needs Housing program in 2009. Local Lead Agencies provide Special Needs tenant screening, eligibility and referral, tenant advocacy services, and, assurance of support services delivery by the tenant's selected provider. Annual stipends of \$ 900/SN unit are provided to BHSD-designated Local Lead Agencies (LLAs) that serve 17 New Mexico counties and oversee 307 special needs units in 38 LIHTC apartment complexes.

### Local Lead Agency & Supportive Housing Learning Communities TA

*Subcontractor: Life Link, Santa Fe*

Subcontractor provides statewide on-site support and technical assistance with 17 LLAs in conducting the required 2 annual Supportive Housing Learning Community meetings in their county and supporting 3 to 4 new start up LLAs each year in coordinating the Special Needs lease up calendar and Community Stakeholder meetings.

### Linkages Supportive Housing Program

**Linkages Rental Assistance:**

Subcontractor: New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA)

Linkages is a tenant-based permanent supportive housing program for homeless adults who are diagnosed with severe mental illness and are also functionally impaired. As the subcontractor overseeing Housing Administrators, the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) provides rental assistance for extremely low income households in 7 sites throughout NM since 2007. Linkages programming is projected to serve approximately 170 households annually with a Linkages voucher (rental assistance) but depends upon household size and turnover.

### **Linkages Support Services:**

These support services subcontractors, 11 providers throughout NM, are overseen by BHSD staff. The providers screen for eligibility and refer Linkages applicants to the Housing Administrator; assist consumers to obtain and maintain their supportive housing by providing required supportive housing services including engagement, service planning, crisis prevention and intervention, resource coordination, skill building, symptom management assistance, and building natural supports. Linkages clients are also provided support with accessing government benefits. Providers will intervene with a client's landlord and housing administrator to avert eviction. CCSS is provided as necessary.

### Oxford House New Mexico

*SGF (Supported jointly by NM Human Services Dept. & Dept. of Corrections)*

Provides funding to support an Oxford House statewide (1 FTE) outreach coordinator position, (1 PTE) outreach coordinator position, and associated costs for the development and maintenance of Oxford Houses in New Mexico. Oxford House™ is a concept of self-run, self-supported housing for individuals recovering from alcoholism and/or SUD and provides the time, peer support, and structured living environment to achieve the behavior change necessary for recovery without relapse. There are currently 20 houses in Albuquerque and 2 in Las Cruces. There are 13 men's houses, 6 women's houses, and 1 house for women and children statewide. Oxford House programming serves approximately 147 men, women and children beneficiaries annually.

### Shelters

BHSD began funding homeless shelters in FY21, per legislative process. Homeless shelters in Valencia county, Santa Fe, and Gallup were supported; there are four homeless shelters funded.

### SSI/SSDI Access to Recovery (SOAR)

BHSD began funding SOAR providers in FY21, per legislative process. SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) is a model developed by SAMHSA to assist SSI/SSDI eligible individuals navigate the difficult process of obtaining an approval for disability income benefits administered by the Social Security Administration. SOAR promotes recovery and wellness through increased access to Social Security disability benefits for eligible individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or co-occurring substance use disorder. Provider will target adult eligible individuals in the county served.