



Calvert - Charles - St. Mary's

Local Homelessness Coalition

Dedicated to ending homelessness.

AUGUST 2020 UPDATE

COVID-19 ACTIVITIES

As of today, here's an update to the COVID-19 funding that is available/applied for through the Local Homelessness Coalition (CoC).

Funding Source	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG Phase I)	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG Phase II)
Amount	\$658,000	\$200,000	TBD
Status	Approved; waiting on executed grant agreement	Requested; waiting on executed grant agreement	Waiting on DHCD notification
Purposes	Shelter operations Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing Street outreach	Shelter supplies Medical respite Shelter facility	TBD (possible focus on homeless prevention funding)
Agencies Receiving Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Catholic Charities: Shelter operations (\$136,800) ▪ LifeStyles: Shelter operations; Street outreach; Rapid Rehousing (application fees only); Homeless Prevention (\$173,600) ▪ Project Echo: Shelter operations (\$48,975) ▪ Safe Harbor: Shelter operations (\$10,000) ▪ St. Mary's DSS: Homeless Prevention (\$40,000) ▪ Three Oaks Center: Shelter operations; Street outreach; Rapid Rehousing; Homeless Prevention; HMIS (\$248,625) 	TBD	TBD

All funding above that is provided are regional, which allows persons to easily access resources. There are also funds available through each of the individual counties for COVID-19 specific activities:

- Nonprofit Relief Funds
- Charles County Health Department
- Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)

Representatives on the Balance of State (BoS) are continuing to participate in bi-weekly calls with other statewide CoCs regarding COVID-19 planning and are dispersing information via email to the local Coalition as received.

BALANCE OF STATE (BoS)

The lead agency and HMIS Memorandums of Understanding have been reviewed and approved and are currently awaiting signature from Secretary Holt.

The Executive Committee is reviewing a draft of the formerly homeless (consumer) recruitment plan, to conduct outreach with someone who has lived experience. This person can be recruited from any of the current Local Homelessness Coalitions and a stipend may be available for them.

The Executive Committee held a conference call with the Michigan Balance of State to discuss their start-up process and challenges they faced so that we can assess our current structure. The call reinforced the strength of the DHCD staffing that have prior experience in managing a BoS and the current structure that allows for local planning to fuel the BoS' existence. It was also discussed that DHCD staff meet with each of the leads from the Local Homelessness Coalitions to discuss their current structure and needs.

The Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures manual has been drafted and will be finalized at the September meeting. A training system has been purchased that will keep track of all persons who will register to be access points for the intake and assessment process.

A logo and communications plan has been drafted, and once completed, a website will be established.

The statewide Point-in-Time counts have been provided and we will begin to plan for a gaps and needs analysis based upon the data that has been collected. Each of the LHCs shared their plans for a potential Homeless Resource Day, where some have decided to cancel, postpone, or host an outdoor event. To date, there has been no guidance from HUD regarding the policies for this.

A grant letter of support policy was also drafted. Those agencies that are requesting letters of support from the BOs

We have not yet received an update regarding this year's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). However, the BoS has drafted a scorecard for current recipients and a draft reallocation and ranking policy. A formal training will also be provided for any potential recipients.