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Grants help support rental housing for homeless around county

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded grants totaling \$796,509 to Macomb County Continuum of Care for housing and services for homeless people through its Homeless Assistance Program.

“This grant money will go a long way in helping us address the growing issue of homelessness in Macomb County,” said Carrie Fortune, Continuum of Care coordinator.

The Macomb Homeless Coalition received \$58,809 in grants for projects that will gather data about the homeless to help the coalition develop strategies addressing homelessness in the county. One grant of \$28,890 was renewal funding and another \$29,919 grant was new for 2009.

A grant worth \$22,817 will be used to provide first month’s rent and security deposits for homeless clients with mental illnesses.

Two grants were renewed to provide leasing assistance – one for \$209,365 and the other for \$212,524. These programs provide permanent supportive housing for clients who pay 30 percent of their income to cover a portion of expenses. Grant money pays for remaining expenses and provides caseworkers to assist clients.

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Another new project will use \$59,640 to rent a building for transitional housing where youth up to age 21 can live for up to two years through Community Youth Services. Community Housing Network also received renewal grants of \$207,184 and \$68,387 to help pay the cost of apartments for homeless people.

Two grants, one worth \$69,737 and the other \$71,554, were renewed and a third grant worth \$100,399 was obtained for aiding disabled people who have been homeless for more than a year.

A grant renewal of \$51,304 will go to Amelia Agnes Transitional Home in Sterling Heights.

For more information about the grants or Macomb County Continuum of Care contact Carrie Fortune, CoC coordinator at 586-783-0916.

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