

Fiscal Year 2026 Homeless Crisis Response Program Awards

In December 2025, the Ohio Department of Development announced \$18.7 million in grants to support homelessness prevention rapid re-housing, and emergency shelter services in communities across the state. With these funds, the Homeless Crisis Response Program will assist 40 emergency shelter agencies operating 41 shelters, as well as 12 housing stability programs. This investment is projected to benefit more than 25,000 people. Short summaries of each grant can be found below. These summaries were compiled by the Department of Development.

Those with detailed questions about each award should contact the entity receiving the grant. Those with general questions about the Homeless Crisis Response Program should contact Mason Waldvogel, deputy chief of media relations for the Department of Development, at mason.waldvogel@development.ohio.gov.

Emergency Shelter Operations Awards

The **Adams County Shelter for the Homeless, Inc.** (*Adams County*) will receive a \$138,600 grant to operate a 17-bed shelter serving homeless men, women, and households with children in Adams and Brown counties. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations. The grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 240 people during the two-year grant period, with 80 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 60 days.

Lima's Samaritan House (*Allen County*) will receive a \$309,100 grant to operate a 21-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single women and households with children in Allen, Auglaize, and Mercer counties. Funding will support grant administration, essential services, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 400 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 40 days.

Serve City (*Butler County*) will receive a \$348,100 grant to operate a 65-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men and women in Butler County. Funding will support shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 600 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 40 days.

Caring Kitchen (*Champaign County*) will receive a \$95,900 grant to operate a 17-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, women, and households with children in Champaign County. Funding will support shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 242 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 40 days.

Clermont County Community Services, Inc. (*Clermont County*) will receive \$239,100 in grants to operate a 37-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, women, and households with children in Clermont County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 540 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 30 days.

Clinton County Services for the Homeless, Inc. (*Clinton County*) will receive a \$194,000 grant to operate a 26-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, women, and households with children in Clinton, Fayette, Highland, Pickaway, and Ross counties. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 139 people during the two-year grant period, with 38 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 40 days.

Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc. (*Columbiana County*) will receive \$552,000 in grants to operate an 11-bed emergency shelter in Columbiana County and a 22-bed emergency shelter in Jefferson County serving homeless single men and women, and households with children. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 180 people in Columbiana County and 260 people in Jefferson County during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 40 days.

The **Columbiana County Mental Health Clinic** (*Columbiana County*) will receive a \$78,700 grant to operate a six-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men and women in Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, and Tuscarawas counties. Funding will support shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 100 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 40 days.

YWCA of Greater Cleveland (*Cuyahoga County*) will receive \$192,100 in grants to operate a 275-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single women in Cuyahoga County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 1,127 people during the two-year grant period, with 59 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 65 days.

West Side Catholic Center (*Cuyahoga County*) will receive a \$77,500 grant to operate a 28-bed emergency shelter serving households with children in Cuyahoga County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 300 people during the two-year grant period, with 60 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 60 days.

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission, Inc. (*Defiance County*) will receive \$138,800 in grants to operate a 16-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men and women, and households with children in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Van Wert, and Williams counties. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 175 people during the two-year grant period, with 30 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 35 days.

Family Promise of Delaware County (*Delaware County*) will receive a \$78,600 grant to operate a 27-bed emergency shelter serving homeless households with children in Delaware, Madison, Morrow, and Union counties. Funding will support shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 280 people during the two-year grant period with 46 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 37 days.

Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana (*Erie County*) will receive a \$165,800 grant to operate an 18-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men and women in Erie County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 125 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 40 days.

The **Community Action Commission of Fayette County** (*Fayette County*) will receive a \$157,600 grant to operate a 13-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single women, and households with children in Fayette County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 150 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 40 days.

The **Community Shelter Board** (*Franklin County*) will receive \$2,339,000 in grants to contract with Lutheran Social Services, Maryhaven, Southeast, YMCA, of Central Ohio, and YWCA Columbus to provide emergency shelter services for single men, women, and households with children in Franklin County—contributing to a combined total of 1,282 beds. Supportive services will include case management, referrals to community service providers, and placement in permanent housing. The program expects to serve 10,000 people during the two-year grant period, with 28 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 75 days.

Family Promise of Greene County (*Greene County*) will receive a \$102,600 grant to operate a 46-bed emergency shelter serving homeless households with children in Greene County. Funding will support grant administration, shelter operations, data collection and evaluation, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 274 people during the two-year grant period with 55 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 61 days.

Lighthouse Youth Services (*Hamilton County*) will receive \$394,300 in grants to operate two emergency shelters in Hamilton County: Mecum House, a 20-bed shelter serving youth under the age of 18 years; and Sheakley Center for Youth, a 36-bed shelter serving single men and women. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve a total of 950 people during the two-year grant period. The Mecum House expects 70 percent of guests to find permanent housing after an average stay of seven days, with 80 percent of Sheakley Center guests to find permanent housing after an average stay of 45 days.

The **Highland County Homeless Shelter** (*Highland County*) will receive a \$115,500 grant to operate a 28-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men and women in Clinton, Fayette, Highland, Pickaway, and Ross counties. Funding will support essential services, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 150 people during the two-year grant period, with 83 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 30 days.

Beach House (*Lucas County*) will receive \$147,900 in grants to operate a 96-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single women, and households with children in Lucas County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 450 people during the two-year period, with 65 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 85 days.

Catholic Charities-Diocese of Toledo, Inc. (*Lucas County*) will receive a \$86,700 grant to operate a 34-bed emergency shelter serving homeless households within Richland County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 200 people during the two-year grant period, with 75 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 60 days.

Toledo Community Service Center (*Lucas County*) will receive \$288,800 in grants to operate a 108-bed emergency shelter serving homeless households with children in Lucas County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 432 people during the two-year grant period, with 50 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 70 days.

The **Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc.** (*Miami County*) will receive \$293,600 in grants to operate two emergency shelters in Miami County: Franklin House, a 22-bed shelter serving single women and households with children, and Buckeye House, a 15-bed shelter serving single men. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve a total of 730 people during the two-year grant period. The Franklin House expects 70 percent of guests will find permanent housing after an average stay of 40 days, and the Buckeye House projects 40 percent of guests will find permanent housing after an average stay of 50 days.

The **Salvation Army of Zanesville** (*Muskingum County*) will receive a \$188,100 grant to operate a 30-bed emergency shelter serving homeless households with children in Morgan, Muskingum, and Perry counties. Funding will support shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 300 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 40 days.

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches, Inc. (*Pike County*) will receive a \$99,100 grant to operate a 16-bed emergency shelter serving homeless households with children in Pike County. Funding will support essential services and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 100 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 60 days.

Axesspointe (*Portage County*) will receive a \$136,700 grant to operate a 32-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, women, and households with children in Portage County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 84 people during the two-year grant period, with 95 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 80 days.

Ross County Community Action Commission (*Ross County*) will receive a \$75,700 grant to operate an 80-bed emergency shelter serving homeless households with children in Ross County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 965 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 22 days.

Liberty Center of Sandusky County (*Sandusky County*) will receive \$130,300 in grants to operate a 16-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men and women, and households with children in Sandusky County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 210 people during the two-year grant period with 60 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 38 days.

YWCA Canton (*Stark County*) will receive \$333,400 in grants to operate a 57-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men and women, and households with children in Stark County. Funding will support grant administration and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 374 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 60 days.

Family Promise of Summit County (*Summit County*) will receive a \$136,100 grant to operate a 46-bed emergency shelter serving homeless households with children in Summit County. Funding will support essential services, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 320 people during the two-year grant period, with 80 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 80 days.

New Housing Ohio, Inc. (*Warren County*) will receive a \$161,200 grant to operate a 14-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men and women in Warren County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation, and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 180 people during the two-year grant period, with 40 percent of guests expected to find permanent housing after an average stay of 50 days.

Housing Stability Program Awards

West Ohio CAP (*Allen County*) will receive a \$555,100 grant to provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible households in Allen, Auglaize, and Mercer counties. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 118 households with rapid re-housing assistance and 20 households with homelessness prevention assistance during the two-year grant period.

Cuyahoga County will receive \$1,842,300 in grants to provide rapid re-housing assistance to eligible households in Cuyahoga County. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources, with services provided through Eden. The program expects to serve 136 households during the two-year grant period.

The **Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission, Inc.** (*Defiance County*) will receive a \$591,500 grant to provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible households in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Van Wert, and Williams counties. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 85 households with rapid re-housing assistance and 15 households with homelessness prevention assistance during the two-year grant period.

The **Community Shelter Board** (*Franklin County*) will receive a \$1,692,700 grant to provide rapid re-housing assistance to eligible households in Franklin County. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources, with services delivered by Home for Families, Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana, and YWCA Columbus. The program expects to serve 200 households during the two-year grant period.

The **Salvation Army of Columbus** (*Franklin County*) will receive a \$861,100 grant to provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible households in Franklin County. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources, with services delivered in partnership with Bridges. The program expects to serve 175 households with rapid re-housing assistance and 360 households with homelessness prevention assistance during the two-year grant period.

Community Action Commission of Fayette County (*Fayette County*) will receive a \$706,100 grant to provide rapid re-housing assistance to eligible households in Clinton, Fayette, Highland, Pickaway, and Ross counties. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources, with services delivered in partnership with Ross County Community Action. The program expects to serve 120 households during the two-year grant period.

Findlay Hope House for the Homeless, Inc. (*Hancock County*) will receive a \$911,200 grant to provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible households in Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Marion, Putnam, and Wyandot counties. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources, with services delivered in partnership with Ohio Heartland CAC and Hancock Harding Wyandot Putnam CAC. The program expects to serve 135 households with rapid re-housing assistance and 80 households with homelessness prevention assistance during the two-year grant period.

Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board (*Lucas County*) will receive a \$582,800 grant to provide rapid re-housing assistance to eligible households in Lucas County. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources, with services delivered by UW 211 Coordinated Entry, Leading Families Home, and St. Paul's Community Center. The program expects to serve 91 households during the two-year grant period.

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners (*Montgomery County*) will receive \$842,900 in grants to provide rapid re-housing assistance to eligible households in Montgomery County. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources, with services delivered by Homefull, YWCA Dayton, and Artemis Center. The program expects to serve 300 households during the two-year grant period.

Community Action Committee of Pike County (*Pike County*) will receive a \$662,200 grant to provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible households in Adams, Brown, Lawrence, Pike, and Scioto counties. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources, with services delivered through CAC of Pike County, Adams County Shelter, Ironton-Lawrence CAP, and The Salvation Army. The program expects to serve 26 households with rapid re-housing assistance and 75 households with homelessness prevention assistance during the two-year grant period.

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (*Sandusky County*) will receive \$1,218,000 in grants to provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible households in Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wood counties. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources, with services delivered in collaboration with Goodwill Industries. The program expects to serve 200 households with rapid re-housing assistance and 100 households with homelessness prevention assistance during the two-year grant period.

Akron Barberton / Summit County CoC (*Summit County*) will receive a \$460,100 grant to provide rapid re-housing assistance to eligible households in Summit County. Funding will support housing search and placement, housing-focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. Assistance will be delivered through United Way of Summit & Medina, Akron AIDS Collaborative, and Family Promise of Summit County. The program expects to serve 145 households during the two-year grant period.