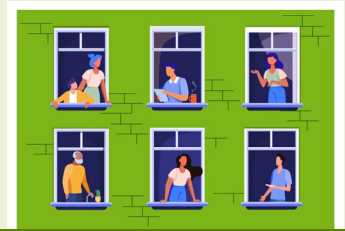


Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration Program

Affordable Housing Alliance



About the Grant Recipient

The Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA) is a community action agency (CAA) that helps individuals and families with low incomes in Monmouth County, New Jersey find affordable housing. AHA also provides support services for mental health, alcohol and substance use disorder recovery, homeownership, and financial literacy. The AHA owns and manages 528 affordable housing units throughout Monmouth County.

About the Award

AHA has been awarded \$249,653 through the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration (AHSSD) program, administered by the Office of Community Services (OCS). With this funding, AHA will implement the “Achieving Well-Being: Residential Services in Affordable Housing (AWB)” project, which will expand its capacity to provide supportive services to residents beyond regular property management by:

- Integrating two new full-time residential service coordinators into all AHA properties to help better identify and assess residents’ supportive service needs and connect them with AHA resources to meet those needs.
- Referring residents to partner and community organizations for additional information, resources, and social services, including child care, youth services, senior programs, and transportation services.
- Expanding its contract with Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey to provide mental health and alcohol and substance use disorder services at all AHA properties. These services include screenings and assessments, case management, mental health needs assessments, and crisis intervention.

Combining Affordable Housing with Supportive Services

Affordable housing provides a place to live for individuals and families with low incomes, but sometimes housing alone is not enough to help residents achieve safety, stability, and economic mobility.

Barriers to housing stability include, but are not limited to, having a low income, mental and physical health challenges, limited education, and limited English proficiency.

Combining supportive services with affordable housing has been shown to be an effective strategy for helping vulnerable populations maintain a stable home, while moving toward economic mobility and self-sufficiency.

About the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration (AHSSD) Program

In fiscal year 2023, [OCS](#) within the [Administration for Children and Families](#) (ACF) at the U.S. [Department of Health and Human Services](#) launched AHSSD, a brand new demonstration program. OCS awarded nearly \$2.1 million to nine grant recipients — eight CAAs and the Chickasaw Nation — across the country to strengthen and enhance the wraparound supportive services available to residents living in affordable housing communities. This funding will provide supportive services to affordable housing residents in Alaska, Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, and Virginia. With this funding, grant recipients will increase their capacity to help families living in affordable housing access wraparound supportive services to improve their overall safety, stability, and economic mobility.