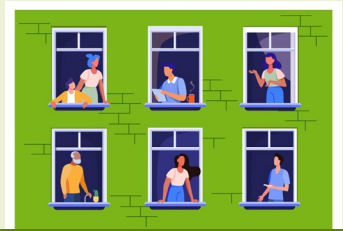


Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration Program

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc.



About the Grant Recipient

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc. (HACAP) is a community action agency (CAA) that provides individuals and families with low incomes in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with affordable housing and connects them to financial literacy supports, early childhood services, educational opportunities for youth and adults, and other community resources. HACAP provides these services to residents in its affordable housing units who have experienced chronic homelessness.

About the Award

HACAP has been awarded \$209,684 through the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration (AHSSD) program, administered by the Office of Community Services (OCS). HACAP will expand supportive services for 26 households by:

- Hiring a full-time case manager to lead the resident site council to better identify resident needs and connect them to supportive services in the community related to financial literacy and early child care.
- Providing referrals to resources that meet resident needs using an online network that connects health care providers and local social service agencies.
- Providing residents with items needed to stabilize household income or support household safety, including new work clothes or shoes, cleaning supplies, car repairs, or other items needed to assist the tenant in obtaining or maintaining employment and housing.

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.