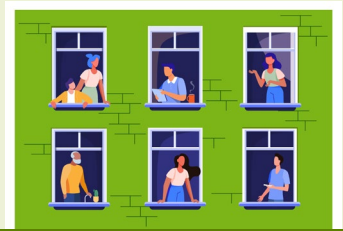


# Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration Program

## Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission



### About the Grant Recipient

Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission (NKCAC) is a community action agency (CAA) that manages the Lincoln Grant Scholar House (LGSH) in Covington, Kentucky, which provides housing, academic, and social support to parents enrolled in post-secondary education across eight Kentucky counties. LGSH provides new residents with post-secondary education enrollment assistance, supports current residents with ensuring on-time completion of post-secondary degrees and credentialing, and helps graduates obtain employment and transition to permanent housing. LGSH's permanent housing comprises 45 affordable units available to students.

### About the Award

NKCAC has been awarded \$250,000 through the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration (AHSSD) program, administered by the Office of Community Services (OCS). With this funding, NKCAC will provide housing and strengthen and expand supportive services for students and their families living in LGSH by:

- Creating two new staff positions — project director and academic coordinator — to assess, expand, coordinate, and evaluate resident services and support students to stay in college and graduate on time.
- Engaging partners and referring residents to other community resources, such as counseling and mental health services as well as workshops on budgets, credit, first-time homebuying, and small business grants.

### 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.

### 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.