



About the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration

The [Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration](#) program provides federal funding to community action agencies (CAAs) and tribes that received Community Services Block Grant funding in FY23 and own their own affordable housing units.

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. Award recipients are using funds to strengthen, expand, and enhance wraparound supportive services available to affordable housing residents.



OCS
Office of Community Services

AHSSD: Connecticut

Community Renewal Team, Inc

Community Renewal Team (CRT) is dedicated to helping people take steps toward healthy and economically stable futures. Since 1963, CRT has partnered with local elected officials, providers, funders, businesses, and the community to address challenges like hunger, homelessness, unemployment and poverty. CRT increases access to education, affordable housing, mental health services, and much more for thousands of individuals and families throughout Central Connecticut every year.



About the Project

Service Area: Greater Hartford Region

Funded Amount: \$250,000

CRT was awarded \$250,000 through the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration (AHSSD) program, administered by the Office of Community Services (OCS). With this funding, CRT will enhance support services for vulnerable older adults by employing two case manager-certified community health workers (CHW) to provide resources to those who are residing in CRT's housing for seniors with low incomes. CHWs can give benefits counseling, eligibility screening, application assistance, and more to older adults with low incomes living at these housing locations.

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