



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: Maine

Community Concepts, Incorporated

Community Concepts, Incorporated (CCI) is a community action agency and a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides resources to empower residents and businesses across Western Maine. By offering housing support, mental health services, and programs for children and families, CCI is dedicated to fostering stability and growth. Through partnerships, programs, and advocacy, CCI successfully champions the well-being of its children, families, and communities.



About the Project

Service Area: Androscoggin County, Oxford County, Franklin County

Funded Amount: \$250,000

Community Concepts 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, CCI will hire additional staff to stand up an in-house resident services pilot program prioritizing high-need residents, with plans for expansion to the entire housing portfolio. This initiative aims to enhance residents' health and well-being, foster community integration, and promote economic stability, with plans for long-term sustainability through partnerships with mental health-focused nonprofits.

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