

Housing/Homeless Program Summary Dane County Human Services 2015

Dane County provides over \$1.8 million in the Human Services budget to fund services for people who are homeless or have difficulty with housing. These services are not mandated, but are considered a priority by the County Executive, County Board, and citizens of Dane County. Please note that this summary includes only services targeted at homeless/housing issues and does not include the millions of dollars of mental health and substance abuse treatment services available to homeless adults and families and those at risk of homelessness.

Bethel Lutheran Church: \$80,000 budgeted in 2015 (all levy), \$30,000 budgeted in 2014 (all levy)

- Day services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness: referral to services including housing, employment and training, medical care, mental health services, alcohol and other drug addiction services, health insurance, FoodShare, and more. Haircuts, coffee, a computer lab, and help acquiring IDs and other vital documents are also provided.

Day Resource Center Funding: \$50,000 budgeted in 2015 (all county levy), \$150,000 budgeted in 2014 (included \$50,000 from City of Madison, \$50,000 from United Way), \$34,000 in 2013

- Funding in 2015 and 2014 to provide services at a comprehensive day resource center. The county continues to pursue a site at 1409 Martin St. in the Town of Madison. Both the zoning and planning permit for the site are currently going through the court process. Contingency day services are being funded through a contract with Porchlight to run Hospitality House seven days a week.
- Funding in 2013 provided a temporary day resource center in the City of Madison.

Youth Eviction Prevention Fund: \$25,000 budgeted in 2015 (all levy), \$25,000 budgeted in 2014 (all levy)

- Funds administered through the county's Joining Forces for Families program for families facing a financial emergency to prevent loss of their housing and homelessness.

Homeless Contingency Fund: \$5,570 in 2015 (all levy), \$25,000 budgeted in 2014 (all levy), \$30,000 in 2013 (all levy)

- In 2015, the fund only includes the cost to provide two portable toilets, located at the City County Building and the Dane County Parking Ramp, respectively.
- In 2014 the fund was used to invest in emerging needs for individuals who are homeless including shower access, transportation, and portable toilets.

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Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS): \$25,000 budgeted in 2015 (all levy), \$25,000 budgeted in 2014 (all levy), \$25,000 budgeted in 2013 (all levy), \$25,000 budgeted in 2012 (all levy)

- Emergency hotel vouchers for survivors of domestic violence to seek safe shelter when DAIS' facilities are at capacity.

Briarpatch Youth Services: \$103,033 in 2015 (all levy), \$68,033 in 2014 (all levy), \$30,000 in 2013 (all levy)

- Funding in 2015 and 2014 helps provide emergency shelter for homeless and runaway youth. **This new facility is not yet open for operation.**
- Funding in 2013 helped maintain street outreach for runaway and/or homeless youth.

*****Shine 608: \$8,000 in 2014 (all levy)**

- Funding for case management at the Madison Central Library.

***Note: The City of Madison is funding library case management through Porchlight in 2015.

Salvation Army: \$732,630 budgeted in 2015 (all levy), \$732,630 budgeted in 2014 (all levy), \$732,630 budgeted in 2013, \$732,630 budgeted in 2012, \$732,630 budgeted in 2011, \$732,630 budgeted in 2010, \$750,041 budgeted in 2009, \$747,581 budgeted in 2008, \$670,081 budgeted in 2007, \$643,641 budgeted in 2006, \$643,641 budgeted in 2005, \$643,641 budgeted in 2004 (all levy)

- The sum includes management of emergency shelter, case management, and a year-round warming shelter (\$97,500) that was added in the 2008 budget and remains in the budget. Salvation Army staff determine eligibility, prioritize, and place families at YWCA, Salvation Army, or local motels/hotels. Families receive no more than 90 days per year. Salvation Army staff coordinate with YWCA, The Road Home, and other community agencies.

****Emergency Assistance: \$845,000 budgeted in 2012, \$845,000 budgeted in 2011, \$845,000 budgeted in 2010, \$745,000 budgeted in 2009, \$660,000 budgeted in 2008, \$570,000 budgeted in 2007, \$390,000 budgeted in 2006, \$340,000 budgeted in 2005, and \$237,500 budgeted from 2001 through 2004 (all state/federal Emergency Assistance)**

- Emergency Assistance grants provides assistance to needy families experiencing a qualifying emergency of: impending homelessness, homelessness, energy crisis, fire, flood, or natural disaster. An Emergency Assistance payment may be provided to an eligible family once in a twelve month period. Maximum Emergency Assistance payments for the period of January through April 21, 2009 are \$150 per person in the EA group. After April 22, 2009, the maximum Emergency Assistance payment of \$516 for two through four members of the EA group; \$645 for an EA group size of five; and \$110 per person if the EA group is six or more. EA funds are used to assist

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families with initial costs of housing, e.g. security deposit or first month's rent. Increase in funds reflects the continuation of additional money the state provided to take care of current utilization.

- ****Note:** Effective 1/1/2013, Forward Service Corporation is now contracting with the State to administer the W-2 program which includes these Emergency Assistance grants. Dane County EAWS Division is responsible for processing applications and determining eligibility for this assistance.

YWCA: \$201,605 budgeted in 2015 (all levy), \$201,605 budgeted in 2014 (all levy), \$201,605 budgeted in 2013 (all levy), \$186,605 budgeted in 2012,(all levy), \$141,605 budgeted in 2011, \$141,605 budgeted in 2010, \$144,970 budgeted in 2009, \$144,495 budgeted in 2008, \$144,495 budgeted in 2007, \$143,065 budgeted in 2006, \$143,065 budgeted in 2005, \$143,065 budgeted in 2004 (all levy)

- Funds provide homeless shelter and case management for people who are homeless or who have difficulty with housing. Case management includes connecting individuals to food, clothing, and health resources, and monitoring the progress of tenant/landlord payment and responsibility agreements. YWCA staff work in coordination with Joining Forces for Families (JFF) teams to identify and keep families in housing, with the Dane County emergency shelter system, community housing services and others. The additional \$45,000 in 2012 is a new Housing First project in the city of Stoughton. The Stoughton project started in April 2012. This project is a collaborative effort with The Road Home. The funding for the Housing First project was annualized (increased to \$60,000) in 2013.

Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin: \$148,726 budgeted in 2015 (all levy), \$148,726 budgeted in 2014 (all levy), \$148,726 budgeted in 2013 (all levy), \$148,726 budgeted in 2012, (all levy), \$170,493 budgeted in 2011, (all levy), \$170,493 budgeted in 2010, (all levy), \$189,316 budgeted in 2009 (\$174,316 levy and \$15,000 from CYF), \$173,820 budgeted in 2008 (\$173,820 levy), \$173,820 budgeted in 2007 (\$173,820 levy), \$187,100 budgeted in 2006 (\$172,100 levy and \$15,000 CYF grant funding), \$187,100 budgeted in 2005, \$187,100 budgeted in 2004 (\$144,900 levy, \$42,200 W-2, and \$15,000 in CYF grant funding in 2005 and 2004)

- Funding provides a space and staff for the operation of a clothing center to homeless and low income individuals and families; provides food for food pantries, shelters, meal sites to low income individuals and families; and, housing case management, housing counseling, mediation, entry cost assistance/eviction prevention funds.
- In 2015, 2014, 2013, and 2012, the funds were budgeted as follows: \$10,000 for clothing distribution; \$10,000 for food distribution; and \$128,726 for case management and eviction prevention.

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- In 2011 and 2010, the funds were budgeted as follows: \$28,555 for Clothing distribution; \$13,212 for Food distribution, and \$128,726 for case management and eviction prevention.
- In 2009, the funds were budgeted as follows: \$28,658 for Clothing distribution; \$14,101 for Food distribution; and \$146,558 for case management and eviction prevention. An additional \$15,000 was added to the 2009 contract from CYF.
- In 2008, the funds were budgeted as follows: \$28,555 for Clothing distribution; \$14,065 for Food distribution; and \$131,200 for case management and eviction prevention.
- In 2007, CYF did not add additional funding of \$15,000. Funds were budgeted as follows: \$28,555 for Clothing distribution; \$14,065 for Food distribution, \$105,152 for case management, \$26,048 for Eviction prevention.
- In 2006 the funds were budgeted as follows: \$13,960 for Food distribution; \$28,240 for Clothing distribution; \$25,790 for Eviction Prevention; \$104,110 Case Management; and \$15,000 for Housing Case Management (CYF funded)

****W2 Emergency Housing Payment Program: \$40,000 budgeted in 2012, \$40,000 budgeted in 2011, \$10,000 budgeted in 2010, \$17,000 budgeted in 2009, \$25,000 budgeted in 2008, \$40,000 budgeted in 2007, \$30,000 budgeted in 2006, \$78,782 budgeted in 2005, \$78,782 budgeted in 2004. (W-2 funding)**

- Administered by Dane County Human Services to assist W-2 participants at risk of eviction while awaiting their first W-2 payment.
- Payment maximum increased to \$500 in 2010 and remains at \$500 maximum. Payment maximum was decreased in 2006 to \$250 and a maximum of once every 24 months per participant group. Payment maximum prior to 2006 was \$673.

****Note:** Effective 1/1/2013, Forward Service Corporation is now contracting with the State to administer the W-2 program which includes these Emergency W-2 Payments. They have the discretion to set eligibility criteria for these payments (which may include other types of emergencies).

The Road Home (formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Madison Area): \$24,796 budgeted for 2015, \$19,796 budgeted for 2014, \$19,796 budgeted for 2013, \$19,796 budgeted in 2012, \$19,796 budgeted in 2011, (all levy), \$19,796 budgeted in 2010, (all levy), \$20,266 budgeted in 2009, (all levy) \$20,200 budgeted in 2008, (all levy), \$20,200 budgeted in 2007, (all levy), \$20,000 budgeted in 2006 (all levy). From 2001 through 2005, the yearly budget was \$20,000 (W2 Service funds or Community Reinvestment funds).

- Offers emergency food, shelter and a day center supported by a network of volunteers. Housing services are limited to families with minor children and up to fourteen individuals can be served on any given night. Funding was increased by the County Board by \$5,000 in the 2015 budget to help support case management The Road Home provides to the YWCA for their Housing First Stoughton program.

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Tenant Resource Center: \$95,000 budgeted in 2015, \$95,000 budgeted in 2014, \$95,000 budgeted in 2013, \$95,000 budgeted in 2012, \$104,490 budgeted in 2011, \$104,490 budgeted in 2010, \$106,973 budgeted in 2009, \$106,623 budgeted in 2008, \$101,623 budgeted in 2007, \$100,613 budgeted in 2006, \$100,613 budgeted in 2005, \$100,613 budgeted in 2004. (All levy)

- Operates information and referral services within the Dane County Job Center. Maintains and distributes a housing vacancy list, serves walk-ins and phone calls at the Dane County Job Center, maintains current information on housing concerns, coordinates community wide housing services, makes referrals to housing services, brokers specific housing issues. Starting in 2008 and continuing, funding includes \$5,000 for “last \$50” eviction prevention program.

Porchlight, Inc.: \$279,885 budgeted in 2015, \$170,964 budgeted in 2014, \$175,464 budgeted in 2013, \$146,464 budgeted in 2012, \$141,464 budgeted in 2011, \$141,464 budgeted in 2010, \$144,826 budgeted in 2009, \$144,351 budgeted in 2008, \$144,351 budgeted in 2007, \$142,921 budgeted in 2005, \$142,921 budgeted each in 2005 and 2004. (All levy)

- In 2005, Community Housing and Services (CHAS) and Transitional Housing, Inc. (THI) were merged to form Porchlight, Inc.
- Funds partial staff for men's drop in shelter and hospitality house (day services) for homeless families - located on the square. Also manages transitional housing for families leaving shelters. The agency also provides longer term housing for persons with substance abuse issues.
- Single room occupancy building serving adults who would otherwise be homeless. Many have mental health or other assistance needs. County funds meet the costs of a staff position to assist residence in meeting minimal requirements so they can retain housing.
- Van service for individuals who are homeless to connect them to shelter and various community resources (storage, showers, laundry, Dane County Job Center, etc.).
- In 2015, funds are budgeted as follows: \$50,304 for the drop-in shelter, \$58,848 for emergency shelter, \$25,039 for housing services, \$39,621 for van service, \$154,694 for hospitality house day services.

Housing Vouchers: \$175,600 budgeted in 2015, \$175,600 budgeted in 2014, \$175,600 budgeted in 2013, \$175,600 budgeted in 2012, \$175,600 budgeted in 2011, \$175,600 budgeted in 2010, \$175,600 budgeted in 2009, \$175,600 budgeted in 2008, \$175,600 budgeted in 2007, \$175,600 budgeted in 2006, \$175,600 budgeted in 2005 and \$175,600 budgeted in 2004. (All levy)

- Salvation Army staff identify families with children who for various reasons need to stay in a motel/hotel. These funds pay for the motel/hotel vouchers.