



From Chicago to Cairo, Illinois Supportive Housing Providers are Responding to Increased Demand for Supportive Services

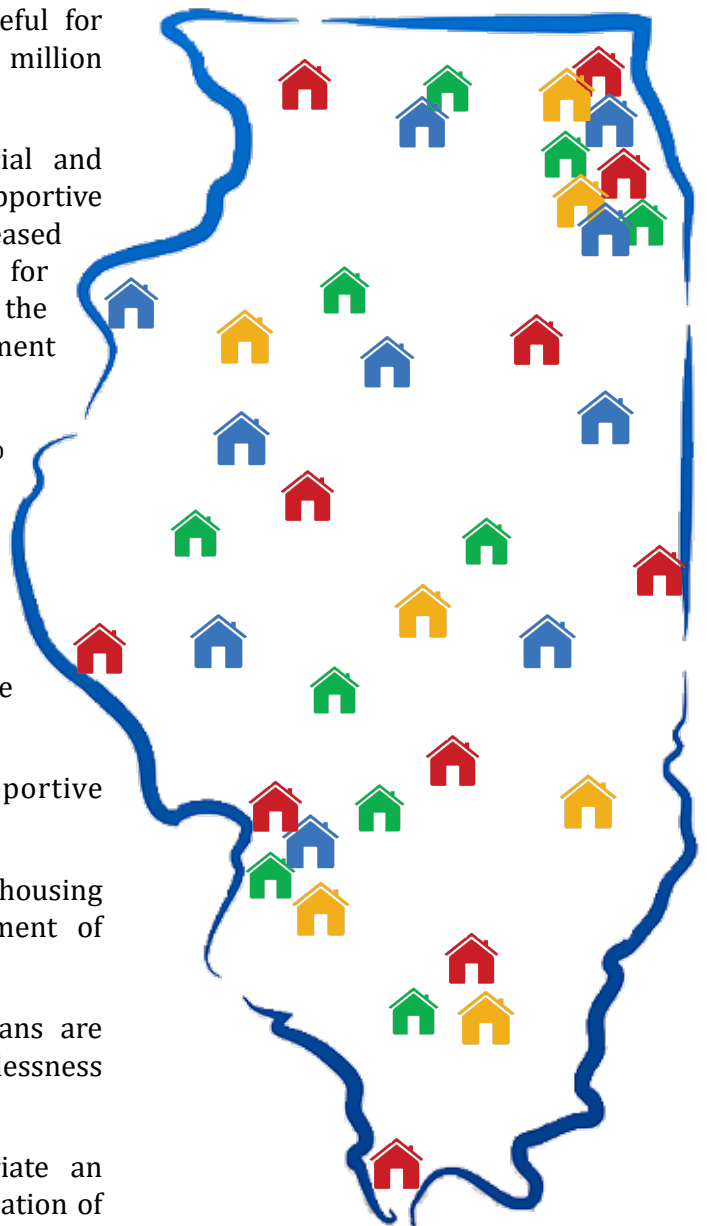
Illinois Supportive Housing Providers Respectfully Request Funding Increase for Program Expansion in FY 2022

Illinois supportive housing providers are grateful for Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposed budget of \$41.956 million for supportive housing services in FY 2022.

But as we continue to respond to the social and economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, supportive housing providers are working to meet increased demand for services from individuals who, but for our support, would be homeless and taxing the resources of first responders and local government agencies. Consider:

- 10,431 Illinoisans are homeless tonight; 20% are experiencing chronic homelessness.
- Illinois had the 5th highest increase of the rate of chronic homelessness in the nation.
- 17,684 supportive housing beds are currently dedicated to Illinoisans who have experienced homelessness.
- 40,749 additional Illinoisans need supportive housing; 47.5% have a disabling condition.
- A 15% increase in demand for supportive housing services was reported to Illinois Department of Human Services in 2020.
- Individuals who are Black/African Americans are eight times more likely to experience homelessness in Illinois.

We respectfully urge lawmakers to appropriate an additional \$3.054 million — for a total appropriation of \$45 million — to continue existing supportive housing services while also providing services to the residents of 436 new units coming on line in the next fiscal year.



For a digital map of supportive housing units in Illinois, visit shpa-il.org.

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