



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS THE SOLUTION

to Ending Homelessness & Unnecessary Institutionalization in Illinois and Ensure that *All Illinoisans* Facing Housing Vulnerability Have a Home That Meets Their Needs

Illinois Supportive Housing Providers Respectfully Request a Funding Increase from Supportive Housing Program Services Support and Expansion in FY24

Illinois supportive housing providers are grateful for Gov. Pritzker's commitment to funding supportive housing services in the FY23 budget. However, as we continue to respond to the social and economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, supportive housing providers are experiencing the largest workforce crisis in decades, program cost increases and are struggling to meet increased demand for services from individuals who, but for our support, would be homeless or institutionalized, and facing steep barriers to housing, health and behavioral healthcare, and human services. Instead, they'd rely on hospital emergency rooms, jails, and prisons to meet their immediate needs.

- 10,431 Illinois citizens are homeless tonight- 20% are experiencing chronic homelessness.
- Illinois had the 5th highest increase in the rate of chronic homelessness in the nation.
- 17,684 supportive housing beds are currently dedicated to Illinois citizens who have experienced homelessness or unnecessary institutionalization
- 40,749 Additional Illinoisians need supportive housing now- 47.5% have a disabling condition.
- Black/African Americans households are 8x more likely to experience homelessness in Illinois.

We respectfully urge Governor Pritzker to appropriate a total \$57,095,130 million (increase \$14.5 million) to supportive housing services in the FY24 state budget (breakdown as follows):

- \$ 5,346,380 million to Supportive MI Housing (Division of Mental Health) \$2,271,380 for 10% cost of living increase for all current homeless and supportive housing grantees to offset increased program related costs and \$3,075,000 to support services to 308 new unit development between 2022-2023.
- \$ 8,824,100 million to Supportive Housing Services (Bureau of Homeless Services 1,649,010 a 10% cost of living increase for all current homeless and supportive housing grantees to offset increased program related costs and \$7,175,000 to support services to 718 new unit development between 2022 & 2023.
- \$ 338,250 million to Supportive Housing Mental Health Services for a 10% cost of living increase for all current supportive housing grantees to offset increase program related costs.