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SHPA RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR’S BUDGET PROPOSALS

Shows progress ... does not meet the need for increased spending overall relative to Supportive Housing in Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, IL, FEBRUARY 18, 2023 - SHPA will continue to advocate for a \$14.5 million increase for supportive housing services.

“Overall, Governor Pritzker’s budget proposal is the commitment that we have been waiting for, yet it does not go far enough and must include increased investment in the current programs that struggle with increased cost and demand to maintain the current level of supports and units already in the system.” David Esposito, Executive Director SHPA

SHPA was pleased with the \$12.5 million investment for new scattered site supportive housing, however, this is not related to the supportive housing services request to support new units that SHPA is advocating for. Outside of the 10% COLA funding appropriated from the one-time ARPA appropriations from the lame duck session SHPA members have not received what they advocated for. Therefore, SHPA we will be moving forward and continuing to advocate for the full \$14.5 million increase for supportive housing services.

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