



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 SFY24

Illinois supportive housing providers are grateful for your 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 Illinoisans 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 Illinoisans who have experienced homelessness or unnecessary institutionalization
- 40,749 Additional Illinoisans need Supportive Housing now- 47.5% have a disabling condition.
- 8 times higher for Black/African Americans households to experience homelessness in Illinois.

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

General Revenue:

- \$ 28,060,180 million Supportive housing MI Housing (IDHS-Division of Mental Health)
 - \$ 2,271,380 million increase for 10% cost of living increase for all current homeless and supportive housing grantees to offset increased program related costs.
 - \$ 3,075,000 million increase to support services to 308 new unit development between 2022 & 2023.
- \$ 25,314,200 million to Supportive Housing Services (IDHS-Bureau of Homeless Services)
 - \$ 1,649,010 million increase a 10% cost of living increase for all current homeless and supportive housing grantees to offset increased program related costs.
 - \$ 7,175,000 million increase to support services to 718 new unit development between 2022 & 2023.

State Grants:

- \$ 3,720,750 million to Supportive Housing Mental Health Services
 - \$ 338,250 thousand increase to for a 10% cost of living increase for all current supportive housing grantees to offset increase program related costs.