

Cornerstone: Creative Steps to House the Homeless

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Goals and Activities

Cornerstone is a twelve-unit permanent supportive housing project for the homeless who have highest impact on our local system. Missoula has had the highest levels of homelessness and chronic homelessness in the state. Also, Missoula’s rental market has extremely low vacancy, making it challenging for high needs tenants to find units even with a voucher. MHA provided land, project-based Section 8 (PBVs) and development funds. The state of Montana awarded a Housing Trust Fund grant – an excellent use of that resource. The FHLB provided an AHP grant. Tenants will come from Missoula’s CES. However, as Missoula has an active FUSE project underway, Cornerstone seemed an ideal pilot for that project. Wrap-around services will be provided using the newly developing FUSE model. By providing permanent supportive housing, these individuals will not only no longer experience homelessness but will also reduce the impact on the community by no longer being a high utilizer.

Major Outcomes

Permanently house highest needs homeless. Develop and implement robust service model for replication. Success will reduce frequent use.

Populations Served

Missoula. FUSE – individuals who have interactive with multiple systems, such as hospital, police, jail (“frequent utilizers”) who are chronically homeless

Major Partners and Funders

Funders: MHA, HTF, AHP, HUD, Partners: service providers, including PHC, Mt Health care foundation (FUSE grantor) City of Missoula

Advice for Others

It’s never too early to begin the conversation with partners about how the project will operate.

Questions?

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