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Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) Receives \$ 2.3 million Social Innovation Fund Award

*Award will Create Healthy Futures with Supportive Housing Models
Serving Chronically Ill Homeless People*

August 4, 2011—New York, NY— CSH was awarded \$ 2.3 million over two years by the Corporation for National and Community Service through its Social Innovation Fund. CSH will use its award to invest in cutting-edge supportive housing models that provide a cost-effective solution for men and women with complex health needs and facing housing crises.

CSH will provide grants and technical assistance to nonprofits in four states across the country, where they will create and implement supportive housing connected to coordinated health services. CSH has selected a pool of eleven potential sites that have high need and good capacity for innovative partnerships among health and housing systems, including: Los Angeles, New York City, New Jersey, Salt Lake City, San Francisco/Bay Area, Denver, Detroit, Franklin County (OH), Seattle, Minnesota and Connecticut.

“CSH has always been about creating innovative solutions for community’s toughest problems, and we’re honored to be a part of this exciting venture,” said Deborah De Santis, President and CEO of CSH. “With this award, we’ll be able to stimulate real progress in linking services and housing for men and women who have chronic health conditions and have been homeless.”

CSH will match the Social Innovation Fund investment at least 1:1. The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation has signed on as the first philanthropic funding partner. CSH will further leverage federal dollars by supporting selected CSH grantees to match their funds as well, resulting in an investment almost triple that of the original award.

Through pilot programs in the selected sites, CSH will target people who are the highest-cost users of emergency systems. “These individuals are trapped in a revolving door that leads to hospitals, substance abuse crisis services, shelter and corrections,” said Richard Cho, Director of Innovations and Research at CSH. “We’re focusing on models that improve health outcomes—and also reduce costs.”

CSH will work with the health and housing systems in each of the grantee sites to assure that processes and systems are in place to identify and engage these vulnerable, high-cost clients. It will also work with grantees to engage policymakers around how to direct mainstream housing and health resources to sustain and expand their models. By inspiring changes in how agencies work together, CSH will help build the foundation for extending the benefits of the pilot programs far beyond the initial tenants.

CSH will evaluate the effectiveness of these models using a rigorous formal evaluation that measures housing stability, health and behavioral health outcomes, use of mainstream services and cost-effectiveness.

About the Social Innovation Fund

The Social Innovation Fund is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service that improves the lives of people in low-income U.S. communities. Through an innovative public-private partnership, the Social Innovation Fund and selected local and national grantmakers co-invest in programs that increase the scale of community-based solutions that have evidence of real impact in the areas of youth development, economic opportunity or healthy futures. Every federal dollar invested is matched with private funds, and all programs are rigorously evaluated. As a result, the most effective approaches can be expanded to reach more people in need and key lessons can be captured and broadly shared. To learn more visit www.NationalService.gov/Innovation

About the Corporation for National and Community Service

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About Corporation for Supportive Housing

For 20 years, CSH has been a catalyst for housing connected with services to prevent and end homelessness. CSH develops innovative program models, provides research-backed tools and training, offers development expertise, makes loans and grants, and collaborates on public policy and systems reform to make it easier to create and operate high-quality supportive housing. To date, CSH has provided almost \$300 million in financial support to communities across the country. CSH is on track to meet its goal of helping communities create 150,000 units of supportive housing nationwide by 2012. Visit us at www.csh.org.