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## **CSH Receives Year Three Funding for Federal Social Innovation Fund Award**

*Award Supports CSH's Efforts to Create Healthy Futures with Supportive Housing Models Serving Men and Women with Complex Health Needs and Facing Housing Crises*

**[September 25, 2013]New York, NY**– CSH has been awarded its third year of funding in the amount of \$1.15 million by the Corporation for National and Community Service through its Social Innovation Fund (SIF). CSH will continue to use this funding to invest in four communities (Connecticut, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washtenaw County, MI) that are carrying out cutting-edge supportive housing models targeting nearly 550 homeless individuals who are the highest-cost users of emergency health care systems.

“CNCS’s investment in CSH illustrates the widespread acceptance that supportive housing is a solution for some of the most vulnerable and costly men and women across the country. Our subgrantees are using supportive housing to not only save lives, but to forge new cross-sector alliances, create jobs, tap new funding streams and help build an infrastructure to serve this small subset of individuals who are using a disproportionate amount of emergency and health care system resources. It is exciting to be part of a federal initiative that is encouraging a more efficient use of tax payer resources and is outcome driven,” said Deborah De Santis, CSH President & CEO.

CSH continues to solicit philanthropic support in order to match the Social Innovation Fund investment at least 1:1. In 2011 The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation signed on as the first philanthropic funding partner, and since then CSH has engaged local and national supports such as The Jacob and Victoria Langeloth Foundation, Melville Charitable Trust, Unihealth Foundation, William Randolph Hearst Foundation, Connecticut Health Foundation, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Niles Foundation and Fannie Mae as well as pledged its own resources to successfully meet the first two year’s match requirement.

The subgrantees receiving grants and technical assistance from CSH have created community partnerships with stakeholders from the health, housing and homelessness sectors to create and implement supportive housing connected to coordinated health services. To date, 224 people have be placed into supportive housing through the CSH SIF initiative and of those, 93% have a chronic health condition, 75% have a mental health issue, 80% have an issue with substance use and 59% experience all three. In addition to housing vulnerable homeless individuals, the initiative is facilitating systems integration between emergency health care, housing and homeless systems. Increased coordination is also resulting in additional workforce infrastructure with the creation of over 40 jobs throughout the four communities:

**San Francisco, California** – Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation opened the Kelly Cullen Community Center in partnership with the San Francisco Department of Public Health and San Francisco Health Plan, which provides affordable health care coverage to more than 70,000 low- and moderate-income families. The project is providing supportive housing to 172 residents in a totally restored and re-envisioned downtown YMCA building.

**Los Angeles, California** – The Economic Roundtable in Los Angeles is partnering with 38 housing, social service, and health organizations to coordinate supportive housing services in four low-income sections of Los Angeles County. Unveiled in August 2011, the Economic Roundtable’s data-based homelessness “crisis indicator” is being used to identify and house 107 homeless individuals who are the most expensive users of publicly funded services e.g., Medicaid, hospital emergency rooms, paramedics, etc.

**Connecticut** – AIDS Connecticut is providing housing and health services to 160 individuals identified as the State’s highest cost users of Medicaid and homeless services in the state. Through the hiring of new “patient navigators, the pilot will provide these high cost users with a package of primary care, behavioral health care and supportive housing.

**Washtenaw County, Michigan** – Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County in partnership with Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County housing officials and nonprofits, is identifying and housing 110 homeless individuals in a 30-mile-wide area in southeastern Michigan. To create a patient-centered medical home for clients, a care management team is coordinating between housing providers and a diverse set of providers in psychiatry, general internal medicine and substance abuse.

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### **About CSH**

CSH transforms how communities use housing solutions to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people. We offer capital, expertise, information and innovation that allow our partners to use supportive housing to achieve stability, strength and success for the people in most need. CSH blends over 20 years of experience and dedication with a practical and entrepreneurial spirit, making us the source for housing solutions. CSH is an industry leader with national influence and deep connections in a growing number of local communities. We are headquartered in New York City with staff stationed in more than 20 locations around the country. Visit [csh.org](http://csh.org) to learn how CSH has and can make a difference where you live.



**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 grant makers 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](http://www.NationalService.gov/Innovation).

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