



Pennsylvania Supportive Housing Coalition

Supportive Housing Operations Fund Sign-On Letter

152 organizations from 52 counties across Pennsylvania signed on to urge the Commonwealth to establish and fund a Supportive Housing Operations Fund, a dedicated resource to sustain the ongoing services and operations needs essential to operating supportive housing.

On behalf of the undersigned **152** organizations, we write to urge the Commonwealth to establish and fund a **Supportive Housing Operations Fund**, a dedicated resource to sustain the ongoing services and operations needs essential to supportive housing. This investment is urgently needed to expand supportive housing in Pennsylvania and provide the services and long-term housing solutions that individuals with disabilities and complex health needs depend on to achieve lasting stability.

Pennsylvania's Supportive Housing Need

Pennsylvania is facing a critical shortage of at least **38,000 supportive housing units**, leaving thousands of individuals and families without the stable housing and services needed for long-term well-being. Homelessness in Pennsylvania increased by **over 12% in 2024**, reflecting the growing strain on crisis systems such as shelters, emergency rooms, jails, and institutional care. Without access to supportive housing many individuals and families with disabilities remain caught in cycles of instability that carry high personal and public costs.

Supportive housing is a proven, cost-effective intervention that pairs affordable, permanent housing with individualized services. It helps people with complex health or behavioral needs remain safely housed while reducing strain on hospitals, correctional facilities, foster care placements, and nursing homes.

The cost implications in Pennsylvania are significant:

- **9 days in a medical inpatient setting** costs the same as
- **4 months in prison**, which also costs the same as
- **1 full year of supportive housing**



These stark comparisons illustrate how supportive housing delivers significantly better outcomes at a fraction of the cost. By diverting individuals from emergency rooms, jails, and other crisis systems, supportive housing improves health and housing stability while generating substantial public cost savings across the Commonwealth.

A Strategic Investment in Pennsylvania's Future

Even though Pennsylvania invests in building affordable housing, the state does not have a stable funding source to operate supportive housing or provide essential services. This gap prevents people with disabilities and very low incomes from accessing and maintaining the housing they need to stay stable.

Supportive housing providers across the Commonwealth face limited resources, staffing challenges, and caseloads that exceed recommended levels. These barriers constrain their ability to expand supportive housing and serve those with the greatest needs.

Creating a **Supportive Housing Operations Fund** would directly address these challenges by:

- **Providing grants** to support non-Medicaid eligible services for individuals with complex health and behavioral needs.
- **Building provider capacity** through technical assistance, operations funding, and support to help organizations scale their services, improve quality, and prepare for future Medicaid billing.
- **Strengthening accountability and planning** through statewide needs assessments and outcome tracking to guide future investments.

The Supportive Housing Operations Fund requires an **initial \$54 million investment to close the gap in operations and services**. This will help enable the development of thousands of urgently needed supportive housing units statewide. We respectfully urge you to include this funding in this year's budget and establish the fund as an ongoing line item that receives sustained annual support.

By creating this fund, Pennsylvania can significantly reduce homelessness, improve health and housing stability for individuals with disabilities, and strengthen communities across the Commonwealth. This is a smart investment that will yield substantial returns.

Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to addressing Pennsylvania's housing needs. We stand ready to partner with you in advancing this critical investment.



Pennsylvania Supportive Housing Operations Fund: Sign On
Organizations and Counties

Organization	County
1. Pennsylvania Interfaith Community Programs, Inc.	Adams
2. YWCA Hanover Safe Home	Adams
3. Achieva	Allegheny
4. Action Housing	Allegheny
5. Allegheny Valley Association of Churches	Allegheny
6. Bethlehem Haven	Allegheny
7. Bridging the Gap Development	Allegheny
8. Center for Community Investment	Allegheny
9. City of Bridges CLT	Allegheny
10. Consensus Group	Allegheny
11. Crisis Center North	Allegheny
12. East End Cooperative Ministry	Allegheny
13. Havenside	Allegheny
14. Heinz Foundation	Allegheny
15. Hill District Consensus Group	Allegheny
16. House of Manna	Allegheny
17. Metro Community Health Center	Allegheny
18. Mon Valley Initiative	Allegheny
19. Neighborhood Legal Services	Allegheny
20. Primary Care Health Services, Inc.	Allegheny
21. UPMC Health Plan	Allegheny
22. HAVIN	Armstrong
23. Women's Center of Beaver County	Beaver
24. Center for Community Action	Bedford
25. Horizon Behavioral Health, PLLC	Bedford
26. PJ Works	Bedford
27. Homes of Grace LLC	Berks
28. Family Services inc	Blair



29. UPMC Western Behavioral Health At Safe Harbor	Blair
30. Abuse and Rape Crisis Center	Bradford
31. A Woman's Place	Bucks
32. Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN)	Bucks
33. Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks	Bucks
34. Bucks county housing group	Bucks
35. Bucks County Opportunity Council	Bucks
36. Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless	Bucks
37. Cornerstone Community Partners	Bucks
38. Double R Consulting	Bucks
39. Family Service Association of Bucks County	Bucks
40. Managed Care	Bucks
41. PennDel Mental Health Center	Bucks
42. St. Luke's University Health Network	Bucks
43. United Way of Bucks County	Bucks
44. Valley Youth House	Bucks
45. Catholic Charities	Butler
46. Victim outreach intervention center	Butler
47. Centre Safe	Centre
48. Domestic Violence Service Center	Chester
49. Housing Partnership of Chester County	Chester
50. Veterans Multi-Service Center	Chester
51. Open Hearth, Inc.	Chester
52. Community Connections of Clearfield/Jefferson Counties	Clearfield
53. MRaaa (Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging)	Clearfield
54. Roads to Peace	Clinton
55. Columbia County Homeless Housing Taskforce	Columbia
56. Second Chance Training Center, Inc.	Columbia



57. Active Aging, Inc - SHARE Housing	Crawford
58. Auberle	Crawford
59. Center For Family Services	Crawford
60. CHAPS	Crawford
61. Child to Family Connections	Crawford
62. Common Roots	Crawford
63. Crawford County Coalition on Housing Needs, Inc.	Crawford
64. Crawford County Drug and Alcohol	Crawford
65. Crawford County Mental Health Awareness Program	Crawford
66. Crawford County United Way	Crawford
67. Soldier On	Crawford
68. Women's Services, Inc.	Crawford
69. LeadingAge PA	Cumberland
70. Safe Harbour	Cumberland
71. 10000 Friends of PA	Dauphin
72. PA Developmental Disabilities Council	Dauphin
73. Paxton Ministries	Dauphin
74. Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Dept of Medicine	Dauphin
75. Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Dauphin
76. Domestic Abuse Project	Delaware
77. HOPE at The Foundation for Delaware County	Delaware
78. CAPSEA, Inc.	Elk
79. Citizens Against Physical Sexual and Emotional Abuse, Inc.	Elk
80. BUILD Community Development Corporation	Erie
81. Erie United Methodist Alliance	Erie
82. Mental Health Association Northwestern PA	Erie
83. Fayette County Community Action Agency	Fayette
84. United Way of Pennsylvania	Harrisburg
85. Huntingdon House	Huntingdon



86. Indiana County Community Action Program	Indiana
87. Alice Paul House	Indiana
88. Community Partnership of Lancaster County	Lancaster
89. Elizabethtown Community Housing and Outreach Services	Lancaster
90. HDC MidAtlantic	Lancaster
91. Arise LC	Lawrence
92. Disability services	Lawrence
93. Pennsylvania Utility Law Project	Lebanon
94. Ripple Community Inc.	Lehigh
95. The Lehigh Conference of Churches	Lehigh
96. Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc.	Lehigh
97. Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania	Luzerne
98. YWCA Bradford	McKean
99. AWARE, Inc	Mercer
100. Community Action Partnership of Mercer County	Mercer
101. Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV	Mercer
102. Pocono Mountains United Way	Monroe
103. Women's Resources of Monroe County	Monroe
104. Framework Strategies	Montgomery
105. Housing Visions Unlimited, Inc.	Montgomery
106. Laurel House	Montgomery
107. Sync Recovery Community	Northampton
108. AHARI	Philadelphia
109. Bethesda Project	Philadelphia
110. BFW	Philadelphia
111. CICADA Architecture/Planning, inc.	Philadelphia
112. Diamond and Associates	Philadelphia
113. Dinah	Philadelphia
114. Esperanza Health Center	Philadelphia
115. Gaudenzia Inc.	Philadelphia
116. Heartset Training Center	Philadelphia



117. Hemlock & Forge	Philadelphia
118. Inglis	Philadelphia
119. Mental Health Partnerships	Philadelphia
120. New Courtland	Philadelphia
121. PA Health and Wellness	Philadelphia
122. Pathways to Housing PA	Philadelphia
123. Pennrose	Philadelphia
124. Project HOME	Philadelphia
125. Public Health Management Corporation	Philadelphia
126. Regional Housing Legal Services	Philadelphia
127. Resources for Human Development	Philadelphia
128. SELF, Inc.	Philadelphia
129. Thriven Design	Philadelphia
130. United Emergency Services Fund	Philadelphia
131. Women's Community Revitalization Project	Philadelphia
132. Pike County Human Services	Pike
133. Mcgee Aegis Solutions	Schuylkill
134. Schuylkill Hope Center for Victims of Domestic Violence	Schuylkill
135. Servants to All	Schuylkill
136. Tableland Services, Inc.	Somerset
137. Women's Resource Center	Susquehanna
138. Transitions of PA	Union
139. Union Community Care	Union
140. FCCAA	Venango
141. The Union Mission	Venango
142. Union Mission	Venango
143. Warren Forest EOC	Warren
144. DVSSP	Washington
145. Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania	Washington, Green, Fayette
146. VIP	Wayne
147. Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc.	Westmoreland



148. Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center	Westmorland
149. YWCA	York
150. YWCA York	York
151. YWCA York Human Trafficking	York
152. Persons With Lived Expertise (6)	York, Philadelphia, Montgomery, Bucks