



Soromundi Commons

Soromundi Commons is a supportive housing project in collaboration with Chrysalis Center, Inc., the YWCA of the Hartford Region and Konover Properties. Soromundi, meaning "sisters of the world," provides over 71 units of housing including emergency shelter, transitional and supportive housing units, all under one roof.

Owner: YWCA of the Hartford Region

Service Provider: Chrysalis Center, Inc.

Property Management: Konover Properties

Development Consultant: Women's Institute for Housing & Economic Development

Tenant Profile: Adult women and men who have experienced domestic violence, mental illness, substance abuse, (including co-occurring mental health and substance abuse) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Service Approach: Services are voluntary and available to all tenants.

Key Features and Innovations

- The project is the first of its kind in the nation with full continuum of housing including: shelter, transitional and permanent housing units.
- Case managers provide counseling and healthcare guidance to help tenants attain personal goals, good health and mastery of life skills.
- Tenants have access to resources like the Community Learning Center, where they can find computers with Internet access and an employment specialist who can help develop the skills they need to secure employment with a living wage and gain economic empowerment.
- On-site medical services and dedicated examination room for tenants.
- Security features including 48 cameras throughout the building, front desk check-in and entrance "hand scan" technology.

Financing Information

Capital Financing Sources

Low Income Housing Tax Credits	\$4,414,689
Connecticut Housing Finance Authority Loan (Pilots Program)	\$4,106,235
Other State Sources	\$ 350,000
City of Hartford	\$ 203,000
Private Fundraising	\$ 381,000
TOTAL	\$8,571,744

Operating Financing Sources

HUD Shelter Plus Care Project Based Rental Assistance (16)	\$ 154,752 per year
CT DSS-Administered Section 8 (19 Project Based)	\$ 171,000 per year
Other Operating Sources	\$ 117,000 per year
Private Fundraising	\$ 74,000 per year
TOTAL	\$ 516,752 per year

Services Financing Sources

CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services	\$ 150,000 per year
HUD SHP	\$ 84,000 per year
TOTAL	\$ 234,000 per year

About the YWCA of the Hartford Region

A not-for-profit membership association, the YWCA of the Hartford Region is part of the world's largest and oldest multi-racial women's movement and is the third oldest affiliate of the YWCA USA. Committed to creating opportunities one woman at a time, the YWCA serves Greater Hartford with vital programs, including early learning and school-age childcare; emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing; child abuse prevention; youth leadership development; co-ed summer day camp; and financial literacy education. Serving 2,300 people annually, we are a recognized advocate on issues related to safety for women and their families, economic empowerment, racial justice, youth development and affordable childcare.

About Chrysalis Center, Inc.

A not-for-profit services organization is one of the largest supportive housing providers in the State of Connecticut with over 230 units including two single site projects and a balance of scattered site housing located in various towns in the Greater Hartford area. Other agency services include a range of employment, case management, residential, psychosocial community integration projects and numerous re-entry programs for individuals and families coming from incarceration and shelters. Services are available to those living with HIV+/AIDS, substance abuse, mental illness and poverty. Chrysalis Center is nationally accredited through CARF (Commission for the Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities).

About CSH

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is a national non-profit organization and Community Development Financial Institution that helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness. Founded in 1991, CSH advances its mission by providing advocacy, expertise, leadership, and financial resources to make it easier to create and operate supportive housing. CSH seeks to help create an expanded supply of supportive housing for people, including single adults, families with children, and young adults, who have extremely low-incomes, who have disabling conditions, and/or face other significant challenges that place them at on-going risk of homelessness. For information regarding CSH's current office locations, please see www.csh.org/contactus.

CSH and the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) have spearheaded a multi-phase supportive housing production initiative known as Pilots. CSH was instrumental locally in bringing together additional partners, including the state departments of Social Services, Economic and Community Development, and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA), to commit to financing up to 650 new units of supportive housing. Through an MOU, CSH is committed to providing predevelopment financing to these projects.



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