



### AEOA Virginia Youth Foyer

The Foyer is independent and permanent living for youth that are homeless and in need of permanent housing. The building consists of 13 efficiency units and two 2-bedroom units. Each efficiency unit is to be occupied by one person. The 2-bedroom units are designed for parenting youth.

**Owner/ Sponsor:** AEOA Foyer Limited Partnership

**Developer:** Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA)

**Property Management:** AEOA

**Service Provider:** AEOA & Range Mental Health Center

**Tenant Profile:** Homeless Youth

**Service Approach:** The philosophy of service focuses on the strengths and potential of youth rather than on weaknesses, problems, or barriers.

### Key Features and Innovations:

- The Foyer works within the community to build partnerships to benefit youth, focusing on employers, neighborhood, community service groups, human service agencies, and parenting and child development providers.
- Youth play an active role in creating community within the Youth Foyer as support groups, cooking groups, parenting classes, GED prep and ABE prep classes, and more take place on-site.
- Specialists in mental and chemical health assist in assessment, goal planning, and case management for those young people most in need of their expertise.

### Financing

#### Capital

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA)	\$1,465,043
Greater MN Housing Fund	\$31,886
Federal Home Loan Bank – Affordable Housing Program	\$225,000
St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority	\$150,000
HOME funds	\$100,000
Mardag Foundation	\$50,000
Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless	\$10,000
Cleveland Cliffs Foundation	\$5,000
US Bank	<u>\$1,250</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,038,179</b>

#### Operating (Annual)

MHFA Operating Subsidy	\$350,519
Shelter Plus Care	\$151,620
Project Based Assistance Section 8	8 units

#### Services

HUD Supportive Housing Program	\$16,860
Community Development Block Grant	\$12,000
Community Services Block Grant	\$6,198

Additional services provided by Range Mental Health Center, AEOA, ABE and other local organizations.

## About Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) is a private, non-profit Community Action Agency established in 1965. AEOA's mission is to strengthen communities by providing opportunities for people experiencing social and economic challenges. AEOA's service area is predominantly rural, covering the seven counties of the Arrowhead Region in northeastern Minnesota. For over four decades, the Agency has grown in response to community needs and currently offers a wide range of programming, including employment and training; youth development; Head Start and Early Head Start; housing services; emergency assistance, including homeless programs, rural transit, and senior services. AEOA has extensive experience providing case management services to the homeless and youth populations. In addition, AEOA Housing Services is a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) with a wealth of housing development experience.

## CSH and the Sponsor

CSH played an instrumental role in the development of the AEOA Virginia Youth Foyer. CSH provided \$50,000 in predevelopment funds and in partnership with AEOA and other local providers, CSH brought the Foyer concept to life through expert guidance in the development process of permanent supportive housing for homeless youth. In addition, CSH materials and expertise were used to develop a comprehensive Virginia Youth Foyer Service Plan and a Management Plan focused on housing retention through appropriate, individualized support.

## 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 more information about CSH, please visit [www.csh.org](http://www.csh.org).



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