

Beacon House – Steubenville, Ohio

A Safe Haven for Chronically Homeless Adults



Beacon House

Beacon House is one of the first Safe Haven projects (as defined by HUD) to be built in Ohio in a non-urban area. The project consists of ten furnished efficiency apartments.

Owner/Sponsor: Jefferson County Prevention & Recovery Board

Developer: Jefferson Behavioral Health System

Property Management: Jefferson Behavioral Health System

Service Provider: Jefferson Behavioral Health System

Tenant Profile: Chronically homeless men and women with a mental health diagnosis and often a co-occurring substance use disorder.

Service Approach: Tenants are encouraged to engage in all phases of treatment.

Key Features and Innovations:

- Beacon House includes a community drop-in center for homeless persons to find a warm meal, hot shower, and laundry facilities. Activities at the drop-in center allow on-site staff to assess the tenants, as well as the transient visitors, in an effort to further engage individuals in treatment and recovery.
- Offices of caseworkers in the mental health agency's housing and vocational services programs are located in the building.
- Caseworkers interact daily with the function of the drop-in center, and all tenants and visitors have access to them for services.
- The goal is to provide safe, affordable, independent and supportive housing for homeless adults with mental illness.

Financing Information

Capital

HUD SHP Capital	\$400,000
Ohio Department of Mental Health Capital Funds	\$350,000
State Housing Development Assistance Program	\$362,790
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Capital Grant	\$60,000
CSH Capital Grant	\$25,000
Total	\$1,197,790

Operating (Annual)

HUD SHP Operating	\$769,632
Ohio Department of Development Homeless Assistance Grant	\$256,545

Services (Annual)

HUD SHP Services	\$243,600
Ohio Department of Development Homeless Assistance Grant	\$60,900

About Jefferson County Prevention and Recovery Board

The Jefferson County Prevention and Recovery Board (JCPRB) contracts with a number of certified agencies to meet the service needs of county residents. Formed by a state statute under Section 340 of the Ohio Revised Code, JCPRB plans, coordinates, funds and evaluates efficient, outcome-driven mental health and recovery services of the highest quality that are accessible to residents of Jefferson County.

CSH and Beacon House

At the time CSH became involved with JCPRB and Beacon, the project was in jeopardy of losing its HUD funding. The project had a funding gap of approximately \$150,000, was unable to start construction and was having difficulty identifying funding sources to close the gap. CSH provided a capital grant, which occurs very rarely, as an incentive for JCPRB to attract additional funding for the project. CSH also encouraged the state to provide additional resources as well as identified other potential sources, such as the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.

About CSH

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