

PERMANENT HOUSING CASE STUDY



Title: Housing Solutions of Greene County (HSGC), Greene County, Ohio, Supportive Housing for homeless individuals living with a mental health diagnosis and/or substance use disorder

Property Name: Columbus Place

Basic Description: New construction, six one-bedroom units, single-site development

Owner/Sponsor: HSGC

Developer: HSGC

Property Management: HSGC

Service Provider: TCN Behavioral Health

Tenant Profile: Extremely low-income, homeless individuals living with a mental health diagnosis and/or substance use disorder

Service Approach: Services are provided on and offsite by TCN – a private, nonprofit, mental health and emergency service provider. They operate as a 24-hour, 7 days a week community mental health provider and provide both vocational and supportive employment services. TCN also offers traditional behavioral health services including diagnostic assessment, psychiatry and medication services, case management, in- and outpatient services, psychotherapy, dual diagnosis treatment, family support and education, payee services, social/recreational drop in centers, transitional and supportive living assistance, day treatment, and alcohol and drug treatment services.

Project Background:

HSGC's primary mission is to house individuals with mental health diagnoses and co-occurring substance use disorders. The 2008 Point-in-Time Count noted 44 homeless individuals and 14 homeless families. At the time of pre-development, HSGC had a waiting list of chronically homeless individuals living with mental health diagnoses. As a result of both the local need and mission of HSGC, the target population for this new, supportive housing project became individuals experiencing homelessness with co-occurring disorders.

Key Features and Impact:

- All units have a full kitchen, living room and bathroom
- Secure facility with common entrance ways
- Tenants report having a strong support system built in for them, as they live onsite with other tenants and have peer-to-peer support
- Service provider reports a high rate of housing stability among tenants

FINANCING INFORMATION

Development Budget

Funding Source	Amount Received
Ohio Housing Finance Agency – Housing Development Gap Financing (Grant)	\$450,000
Ohio Department of Mental Health	\$350,000
Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati – AHP funds	\$300,000
Total	\$1,100,00

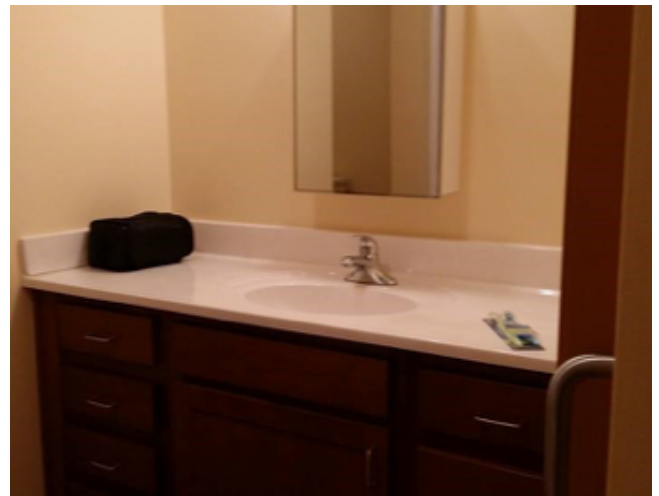
Operations Budget

Funding Source	Amount Received
Project-Based Vouchers and Tenant Rent	\$559/unit
Total	\$40,248

DEVELOPER PROFILE

Housing Solutions of Greene County (HSGC) is a small, nonprofit, supportive housing developer and property manager serving individuals experiencing mental illness and/or drug addiction. Founded in 1998, HSGC's mission is to 'promote, assist, support, own, construct, maintain, lease, operate, and manage housing facilities and improvements for mental health consumers, and provide other mental health services to chronically mentally ill residents of Greene County, Ohio. Prior to Columbus Place, HSGC had a small inventory of 14 units of supportive housing. Through harnessing community data and technical assistance provided by the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), HSGC's development team was able to bolster their efforts to increase supportive housing opportunities in this rural community.

PROJECT PICTURES



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