

PERMANENT HOUSING CASE STUDY



Title: Mississippi United to End Homelessness (MUTEH), Lauderdale County, Mississippi, DedicatedPLUS Supportive Housing for Disabled Individuals and Families

Property Name: Central MS Regional Coalition Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Program

Basic Description: One-bedroom units, Scattered Site, Master Leasing PSH for Disabled Individuals and Families

Developer: No development occurred

Property Management: Individual property management companies and/or unit owners

Tenant Profile: Extremely low-income, disabled households

Service Approach: All tenants are seen in their home's multiple times during the week. MUTEH uses three main supportive service activities which include outreach, housing search, and case management. Case managers work simultaneously with MUTEH's Housing and Outreach Teams to streamline services and immediately begin to develop an individualized service plan for stabilization. Staff are trained to provide case management using the Critical Time Intervention (CTI) case management model. To increase stability, MUTEH case managers work with community providers to increase tenants' income and connect them to mainstream benefits. Case management includes direct case management, education services, employment assistance and job training, childcare, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, and outreach services.

Project Background:

During the 2017 Point in Time (PIT) Count, Lauderdale County had the second highest homeless count in Mississippi. Lauderdale County currently has two shelters. Both shelters are high barrier and have no PSH programs. By providing PSH to chronically homeless individuals in this area, MUTEH expects to fill a gap in services and see a decrease in the chronic homeless population.

Key Features and Impact:

- 100% of units are dedicated to serve households in which one household member has a disability
- Housing First service delivery model

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Operations Budget

Funding Source	Amount Received
HUD Continuum of Care (CoC)	\$315,924
Total	\$315,924

DEVELOPER PROFILE

Mississippi United to End Homelessness (MUTEH) has 26 years of experience with the homeless community and community providers. In that time, MUTEH has grown from an agency that provides oversight to the Balance of State Continuum of Care to an agency that provides direct community services. For the past nine years, MUTEH has managed homeless and housing grants that allow the agency to serve a total of over 800 households connecting these individuals to services they need in the community. MUTEH was able to engage these households by working collaboratively with local community providers and using innovative practices to find and engage the hardest to serve populations. MUTEH is fully committed to providing equal access to all populations that are qualified and seeking services. MUTEH has Equal Access and Fair Housing policies for all housing programs, and these policies, along with Housing First, allow MUTEH's programs to have no barriers and to reach the hardest to serve.

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