



Catholic Charities USA®

Working to Reduce Poverty in America



Our Goals



1. Reduce chronic homelessness by **20%**



2. Decrease hospital readmission rates for homeless persons by at least **25%**



3. Connect 35% of newly housed persons to primary care and behavioral health services



Five Pilot Cities

- Detroit
- Las Vegas
- Portland
- Spokane
- St. Louis

CCUSA Healthy Housing National Initiative

Circumstances identified through national strategic planning process:

- There is a critical shortage of affordable housing across the country.
- Those suffering from mental and physical ailments are the most vulnerable.
- Hospital readmission rates for the chronically homeless are a significant factor in escalating healthcare costs for nonprofit health providers.

Opportunities:

- Encourage conversion of excess/vacant church properties into additional housing units.
- Seek collaborative relationships between CCUSA and corporate partners to fund affordable housing-development and offset operating costs.





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Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) Healthy Housing Initiative:

Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Households

CCUSA	Local Catholic Charities Office	Local (Arch) Diocese
<p>Provide technical assistance for housing development and health integration in such developments and other guidance as needed</p>	<p>Build the necessary infrastructure (capacity), with subject matter experts, to develop a long range plan for implementation of affordable housing and the healthy housing initiative</p>	<p>Decide if this project fits the local mission</p>
<p>Establish metrics, monitor and measure progress towards goals, and assist with other reporting requirements as needed</p>	<p>Create a plan for affordable housing, real estate development, construction, property management and continued operations</p>	<p>Create an inventory of "surplus" church property available to the healthy housing initiative</p>
<p>Assist with raising of capital, Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) or other funding vehicles, and other resource development as needed</p>	<p>Identify and engage local Catholic health system hospitals to partner on this initiative</p>	<p>Make any other related resources available to this initiative</p>
<p>Advocate for federal funds and other resources to address chronic homelessness</p>	<p>Work with the local Continuum of Care to secure resources and information to support the initiative</p>	<p>Establish a separate 'Housing Corporation' to carry out this initiative (if necessary)</p>
<p>Establish partnerships or relationships with national entities to assist local agencies</p>	<p>Identify and engage local lenders, grantors and funders to partner on this initiative</p>	
<p>Assist with project and initiative promotions, publication development and other media</p>	<p>Prepare funder and other progress reports as needed</p>	<p>Share information and coordinate with other (Arch) Dioceses engaged in this initiative for best practices, etc.</p>
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