

PHOENIX COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



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What we do...

- Facilitating community development opportunities, providing solutions to poverty and housing instability, and offering equitable access to supportive services since 1982 (Formerly the South Side Office of Concern)
- Healthcare - licensed and accredited mental health provider
- Supportive Housing – 179 units, more than tripling our housing capacity in the past 15 years
- Homeless Outreach + HOWIE – only homeless outreach team in the region





What we do...

- Rapid Re-Housing – second largest administrator of rental assistance behind the PHA; approximately 200 persons housed in the traditional rental market at any point in time
- Workforce Development
- Property and Asset Management services
- Community Development – housing development, economic development, neighborhood investment

Projects underway ...

Madison Apartments II

- 24 1-bdrm permanent supportive housing units
- Capital funding = \$5.9 million
- Operating funding = \$2.9 million state and federal rental subsidies over 15 years
- Supportive Service funding = State grant + Medicaid



Projects underway...

Madison Apartments III

- 16 studio and 1- bdrm supportive housing units
- Target population – homeless youth aged 18-24, the largest growing homeless demographic in our region
- Collaboration with Children's Home Association
- Capital funding = \$4.7 million
- Operating funding = \$1.6 million state rental subsidy and \$1 million state homeless youth grant over 15 years
- Supportive Service funding = State grants + Medicaid

Projects underway ...Madison Urban Oasis & Arts Collaborative




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Projects underway...Phoenix Employment First Center

- Approximately a \$2 million investment
- Insufficient earned income and unemployment are among the key causes of homelessness
- Provide employment and financial capability services to higher risk consumers with multiple barriers to employment, including housing instability and disabling conditions, which are often missed by broader workforce development efforts
- Social enterprise coffee shop/café
- Multimedia training space, computer lab, classrooms, meeting space





Projects underway... Sow To Grow Community Garden

- Located at Wayne and Perry Streets
- Collaborative partnership with Junior League of Peoria, University of Illinois Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener Program, and City of Peoria
- Phase I provides learning opportunities in growing and preparing healthy foods and addresses food insecurity for the children residing at Glendale Commons
- Phase II open to North Valley community – repurposed 801-803 NE Perry, a blighted area
- Includes a butterfly garden, brick-paved walkway, benches, etc.

Sow To Grow Community Garden



Projects underway...North Valley Home Improvement Initiative

- Community development investment of \$340,500 in 30 low-income owner occupied homes located in an economically distressed neighborhood
- Funded by the Federal Home Loan Bank's Affordable Housing Program with local bank sponsor, Heartland Bank. City of Peoria providing match funding for 8 of the homes through its Roofing Program
- Eligible repairs include roofing, windows, siding gutters, plumbing and electrical
- Grant funds to homeowners with matching no-interest loan that provides opportunity to rebuild credit
- Additional services offered include assistance with benefits, financial literacy, and employment services

Projects underway... Housing + Healthcare Collaboration

- Proposed site-based Healthcare Café, a comprehensive collaboration of several community healthcare providers and stakeholders
- Designed to:
 - ❖ improve access to healthcare,
 - ❖ decrease disparities,
 - ❖ decrease high utilization of publicly-funded services, and
 - ❖ improve outcomes for such a vulnerable population as those dealing with housing instability and homelessness.

Housing + Healthcare Collaboration Services

- Wellness education
- Basic health exams
- Screening for cancer and other chronic health conditions
- Monitoring of chronic health conditions (i.e. high blood pressure, diabetes)
- Vaccine clinics
- Exercise and self-care programs
- Mental health and substance abuse counseling
- Medication-assisted treatment
- Community health navigators and care coordinators
- Benefits enrollment
- Telehealth access to primary care practitioners, psychiatrists, and other specialized healthcare providers

Projects underway... Phoenix Place

- Proposed 55-unit Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project to be located in the former Methodist College site at 415 St. Marks Court to *end* chronic family homelessness in the region
- Will serve as the host site of the Housing + Healthcare Collaboration
- Capital funding = \$15+ million
- Operating funding = \$10.5 million state and federal rental subsidies over 15 years (60% committed)
- Supportive Service funding = State grant + Medicaid

Questions?

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