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Homelessness & Housing Alliance Announces \$749,944 in Continuum of Care Awards from HUD

[FORT WALTON BEACH, FL – January 20, 2025] – The Homelessness & Housing Alliance (HHA) is proud to announce that it has been awarded \$749,944 in Continuum of Care funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This vital funding will support two community projects aimed at addressing homelessness and providing essential housing solutions in Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

The awarded projects include the Rapid Rehousing Program in partnership with Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida and the Bridgeway’s Independent Living Permanent Supportive Housing initiative. These programs are designed to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness, providing them with the resources and support necessary to secure stable housing and improve their quality of life.

“Our mission at the Homelessness & Housing Alliance is to foster collaboration among community partners to create sustainable solutions for homelessness,” said Kelli Hernandez, Executive Director of HHA. “We are grateful for the support from HUD, which enables us to expand our efforts and make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve.”

The Rapid Rehousing Program will focus on quickly moving individuals and families into permanent housing while providing them with the necessary support services to ensure long-term stability. Meanwhile, the Bridgeway Independent Living Permanent Supportive Housing initiative will offer individuals with disabilities a safe and supportive environment, empowering them to live independently.

This funding is part of a larger effort by HUD to support local communities in their fight against homelessness. The Continuum of Care program promotes a collaborative approach, bringing together various stakeholders to develop comprehensive strategies tailored to the unique needs of each community.

HHA is committed to working alongside its partners to implement these programs effectively, ensuring that every individual has access to safe and affordable housing.

For more information about the Homelessness & Housing Alliance and its initiatives, please visit www.hhalliance.org.

About Homelessness & Housing Alliance

The Homelessness & Housing Alliance is the lead agency for the Okaloosa Walton Homeless Continuum of Care dedicated to ensuring homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring in our communities through collaboration, advocacy, and the implementation of effective housing solutions.

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