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Grants for Data Integration, Collaboration Build Stronger Communities

Counties in Utah, Missouri, Nevada & Illinois to Leverage Effort to Explore Pay for Success Model to Finance Housing & Services

DENVER, CO – The national nonprofit CSH has selected four counties to participate in a new Social Innovation Fund (SIF) Pay for Success initiative that will focus on using criminal justice and homelessness data to ensure those leaving incarceration will successfully reintegrate into communities, thereby reducing recidivism and improving public safety.

The four counties selected – *Salt Lake County (Utah), Boone County (Missouri), Clark County (Nevada) and McLean County (Illinois)* – will receive expert assistance to integrate data from their homelessness assistance and criminal justice agencies to better match eligible individuals with supportive housing efforts that could be financed through the use of the private-public-philanthropic funding found in [Pay for Success](#) partnerships.

“The Social Innovation Fund is an innovative program that seeks to invest in truly compelling solutions and expand programs that work,” said **Lois Nembhard, acting director of the Social Innovation Fund**. “We are thrilled to support CSH in working with jurisdictions to develop an integrated data platform using homelessness and criminal justice data to advance supportive housing interventions.”

Supportive housing provides affordable homes and access to critical services (healthcare, employment training) that help break the costly cycle of individuals leaving incarceration, struggling through homelessness and then returning to jail or prison.

“We are focused on spurring greater coordination and integration among the homeless/housing and criminal justice agencies in each of these counties,” said **Deborah De Santis, President and CEO of CSH**. “This is important for delivering better services and effectively matching vulnerable people to supportive housing, and changing the trajectory of their lives away from crime, poverty and homelessness. This sets the stage to explore how these counties can create more supportive housing by leveraging Pay for Success financing, using the private and philanthropic dollars that come with it, and ensuring scarce resources are spent effectively and only for successful outcomes.”

Supportive housing has been shown to reduce the likelihood that those leaving jails and prisons will reoffend. [Several studies](#) conclude the stability associated with supportive housing is key to successfully reintegrating the formerly incarcerated into communities and lowering crime rates.

Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams stated: “Making data-driven decisions is the cornerstone of our homelessness and criminal justice efforts. The CSH grant will help Salt Lake County continue this important work to make a measurable difference in people’s lives while saving taxpayer dollars and increasing safety for the whole community.”

Boone County Community Services Department Director Kelly Wallis stated: “There is a lot of synergy in our community around ending homelessness and reducing the use of our jail. By receiving this grant, our community will be able to make more informed decisions to use our resources most effectively for positive impact. We anticipate that by knowing exactly who we need to target for supportive housing, we will not only achieve better outcomes for some of our most vulnerable population but will also reduce costs to our public system and increase public safety.”

Clark County Social Service Director Mike Pawlak stated: “Clark County has made significant progress in administering the ClarkCountyFUSE (CCFUSE) program which serves chronically homeless frequent users of high cost systems such as emergency rooms, jails, and hospitals. The Pay for Success program will provide housing and supportive services for frequent users who are recently homeless and do not meet the HUD chronically homeless definition in order to receive services under the CCFUSE program. While CCFUSE engages a wide variety of systems, each one utilizes a different data management system. The technical assistance

offered through this opportunity will allow us to develop a cross-system data model so that information can be shared across multiple data management systems.”

McLean County Board Chairman John McIntyre stated: “McLean County is honored to be one of four communities in the country to be selected to participate in the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) Data Integration/ Pay For Success Technical Assistance Grant. As addressed in McLean County’s Mental Health Action Plan and by the work of the County Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, this partnership with CSH will allow us to use data to ensure that supportive housing is targeted to those who are most in need and to improve outcomes for individuals that cycle between multiple systems of crisis care, including our homeless shelters, emergency rooms, and the criminal justice system. The information which results from this data collection will allow McLean County to better make the case for alignment of scarce housing and behavioral health resources. Finally, the Pay For Success (PFS) model being utilized by CSH aligns with McLean County’s Mental Health Action Plan goal to ensure that funds are utilized in a manner that produces tangible results. We look forward to working with the Corporation for Supportive Housing and our community partners in this endeavor.”

Each recipient will receive services and resources from CSH depending on the needs of their respective projects. The four counties will then have up to 18 months to collaborate, integrate and implement their data matching practices, and develop and determine the feasibility of Pay for Success to create the supportive housing they envision.

In addition to the resources provided by CSH, awardees may receive technical assistance from CSH’s three collaborating partners: the [University of Chicago Center for Data Science and Public Policy](#), [Harder and Company](#), and the [Nonprofit Finance Fund](#).

These new grants and the technical assistance that comes with them are made possible through funds CSH received from the Pay for Success program of the [Corporation for National and Community Service’s Social Innovation Fund \(SIF\)](#) and the [Laura and John Arnold Foundation](#).

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ABOUT

Social Innovation Fund

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages millions of Americans in service through its AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Volunteer Generation Fund programs, and leads the nation's volunteer and service efforts. SIF positions the federal government to be a catalyst for impact—using public and private resources to find and grow community-based nonprofits with evidence of results. The Social Innovation Fund focuses on overcoming challenges confronting low-income Americans in three areas of priority need: economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development. To learn more, visit www.nationalservice.gov/sif.



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CSH

CSH has been the leader in supportive housing for 25 years, demonstrating its potential to improve the lives of very vulnerable individuals and families. CSH has earned a reputation as a highly effective, financially stable organization, with strong partnerships across government, community organizations, foundations, and financial institutions. CSH is advancing innovative solutions that use housing as a platform for services to improve lives, maximize public resources, and build healthy communities. We are working to assure that housing solutions are accessible to more people in more places. Visit us at www.csh.org



PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Salt Lake County, Utah



CSH and its partners will be working with Salt Lake County to access and integrate data from the homeless and criminal justice systems to target supportive housing in order to spur greater coordination/integration between the homeless/housing and criminal justice systems. This technology and technical assistance will be used to support the community in redesigning their model for homeless services from that of a shelter to that of resource centers with coordinated entry and wrap-around services. These efforts will form the basis for the creation of a new Pay for Success project in the community that will be targeted to super-utilizers, with supportive housing as the intervention. Click here to access [Salt Lake County Website](#).

Boone County, Missouri



CSH and its partners will be working with Boone County to access and integrate data from the homeless and criminal justice systems to target supportive housing in order to spur greater coordination/integration between the homeless/housing and criminal justice systems. This technology and technical assistance will be used to support the community in determining the feasibility of PFS as a tool to scale supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and homeless veterans who are high utilizers of human services, public safety, criminal justice, and hospital resources. Click here to access [Boone County Website](#).

Clark County, Nevada



CSH and its partners will be working with Clark County to access and integrate data from the homeless and criminal justice systems to target supportive housing in order to spur greater coordination/integration between the homeless/housing and criminal justice systems. In particular, Clark County will be working toward regional data integration and toward adding health data in addition to HMIS and jail information. This technology and technical

assistance will be used to further the development of the PFS initiative already underway in Clark County as a strategy to scale up the frequent user initiative currently underway. Click here to access the [Clark County Website](#).

McLean County, Illinois



CSH and its partners will be working with McLean County to access and integrate data from the homeless and criminal justice systems to target supportive housing in order to spur greater coordination/integration between the homeless/housing and criminal justice systems. This technology and technical assistance will be used to support the community in determining the feasibility of PFS as a tool to scale supportive housing for frequent users of criminal justice and/or emergency & inpatient psychiatric health systems with the highest public costs and the acute ongoing crises that create those high costs. Click here to access [McLean County Website](#).