

Bridge Housing for the Homeless

Bridge Housing for the Homeless	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20
Estimated Number to be Served in	30	90	45
Annual Budgeted Funds in	\$2,000,000	\$5,500,000	\$2,500,000
*Estimated Annual Cost Per Person in	tbd	tbd	tbd

*The numbers to be served is tentative at this time and the cost per client cannot be determined as they will be dependent on factors outside of HCA's control, such as cost of identified house and length of stay. These numbers do not reflect clients being served by emergency housing

Program Description

The Bridge Housing for the Homeless program is designed to assist the homeless adult population move into permanent housing. The Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA), Outreach and Engagement teams, County and County-contracted clinics, Full Service Partnerships (FSPs), and the Coordinated Entry System will identify qualifying adults who are homeless and have obtained Shelter Plus Care Certificates. These adults will be linked to a shared home, during which time they will receive services designed to help connect them to permanent housing and other supportive housing resources. The program can also provide temporary emergency housing, such as motel assistance for one to seven days, for program participants who are living in unsafe conditions and/or awaiting other housing placement within seven days. The target population includes homeless adults living with a mental illness who may have a co-occurring substance use disorder

During the MHSA Community Stakeholder Process, stakeholders identified a need for expansion of housing options for individuals with mental illness. The Orange County 2017 Point-In-Time Homeless Count and Survey also showed an increase in homelessness in Orange County, suggesting the need for housing continues to grow. Many existing MHSA programs provide linkage to housing and housing support. To meet the growing need for housing for the MHSA population, additional resources are planned for expansion of Bridge Housing for the Homeless.