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Fitzgerald Announces \$17.8 Million HUD Grant to Combat Homelessness

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald today announced that the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a \$17.8 million Continuum of Care grant to the county's Department of Human Services (DHS) to assist in its efforts to reduce homelessness.

"We are thrilled with this announcement. This is a competitive grant and reflects that the work being done in Allegheny County is being recognized. Our staff continues to make great strides in helping those with complex housing issues, and we are proud that our efforts are again being rewarded," said Fitzgerald. "With this Continuum of Care grant funding, DHS will be able to continue 67 different projects aimed and providing housing and vital services to those who are homeless."

The projects funded by the grant represent 20 different agencies that provide housing and vital services to homeless individuals and families throughout Allegheny County. DHS will administer the grant funds to the agencies, provide fiscal and operational oversight, and monitor service provision through regular site visits.

"A lot of work has been done by our agencies and staff to ensure that an adequate system of care exists to provide for all of those who are struggling with homelessness," said DHS Director Marc Cherna. "This grant is not just about funding housing, but making sure that all of the necessary supports are in place that can keep people in their homes."

The grant is awarded by HUD through a competitive process. It will help create new supports and renew existing programs that provide permanent housing, including for persons with disabilities. A full list of projects is available at <https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/2016-pennsylvania-coc-grants.pdf>.

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