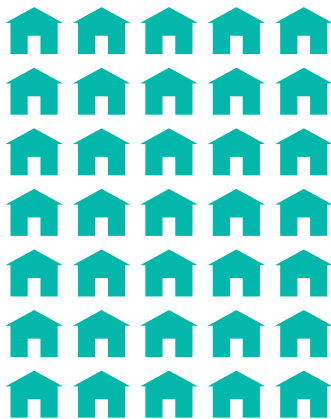




Working to Reduce Poverty in America

CCUSA Healthy Housing National Initiative



60,000 units

of affordable housing already established by Catholic Charities

Needs identified through national strategic planning process:

- In addition to the 60,000 units of affordable housing already established by Catholic Charities across the country, there remains a critical national shortage.
- Chronically homeless people, often seriously mentally and physically ill, are among the most vulnerable.

Other target needs:

- Escalating costs of healthcare because of overutilization of Emergency Departments by chronically homeless people. Additionally, hospital readmissions rates for this population are high, due to lack of attention to social determinants of health. This population is one of the most significant drivers of escalating healthcare costs for nonprofit health providers.
- Excess/vacant church properties in urban areas. Challenge is to convert, rather than divest, of such properties by turning them into revenue-generators for the diocese and CC.

Solutions:

- Catholic Charities and Catholic Healthcare partnerships to reduce chronic homelessness in five US cities by **20%** over course of 5 years and decrease hospital readmission rate for this population by at least **25%**; connect **35%** of those housed with primary and behavioral healthcare providers (Example: CC of Southeast Washington State and Providence St. Joseph Health System, noted in *Health Progress*, September 2018.) This is accomplished by providing wraparound social services in each housing facility. Chronic homelessness is considered abated when a person remains housed for a period of two years.
- Significant collaborative relationships between CCUSA and corporate partners to assist in pre-development loan funding for affordable housing.

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Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) Healthy Housing Initiative:

Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Households

CCUSA	Local Catholic Charities Office	Local (Arch) Diocese
<p>Provide technical assistance for housing development and health integration in such developments and other guidance as needed</p>	<p>Build the necessary infrastructure (capacity), with subject matter experts, to develop a long range plan for implementation of affordable housing, and the healthy housing initiative</p>	<p>Decide if this project fits the local mission</p>
<p>Establish metrics, monitor and measure progress towards goals, and assist with other reporting requirements as needed</p>	<p>Create a plan for affordable housing real estate development, construction, property management and continued operations</p>	<p>Create an inventory of “surplus” church property available to the healthy housing initiative</p>
<p>Assist with raising of capital, CDFI or other funding vehicles, and other resource development needed</p>	<p>Identify and engage local Catholic health system hospitals to partner on this initiative</p>	<p>Make any other related resources available to this initiative</p>
<p>Advocate for federal funds and other resources to address chronic homelessness</p>	<p>Work with the local Continuum of Care to secure resources and information to support the initiative</p>	<p>Establish a separate ‘Housing Corporation’ to carry out this initiative (if necessary)</p>
<p>Establish partnerships or relationships with national entities to assist local agencies with this initiative</p>	<p>Identify and engage local lenders, grantors and funders to partner on this initiative</p>	<p>Share information and coordinate with other (Arch) Dioceses engaged in this initiative for best practices etc.</p>
<p>Assist with project and initiative promotions, publication development and other media</p>	<p>Prepare funder and other progress reports as needed</p>	
	<p>Share information and coordinate with other Catholic Charities offices engaged in this initiative for best practices etc.</p>	