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## **\$12-million Grant for Department of Human Services for Homeless Initiatives**

In February 2007, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato announced the County's Department of Human Services (DHS) was awarded a \$12-million Continuum of Care grant by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to provide essential programs, safe havens, transitional housing, and permanent support to homeless individuals and families. The funding supported the county's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

The grant award was divided between 38 DHS service provider agencies for vital services and programs, and 397 housing units for homeless individuals and families (193 family units and 194 individual units). DHS administered the grants to the 38 agencies, providing fiscal and operational oversight and conducting regular site visits.

HUD's Continuum of Care programs provide permanent and transitional housing to homeless persons. Continuum grants fund important services, including job training, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and child care. The grants also fund a wide variety of programs from street outreach and assessment to transitional and permanent housing.

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