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Pritzker Administration Announces More than \$14 Million in Grant Awards for Human Service Providers *“Small Capital” Program Funds Projects to 70 Grantees*

CHICAGO- Governor JB Pritzker today announced 70 Human Services Capital Investment Grant award winners in 24 Illinois counties, through a first-ever competitive capital grant program designed to help social service providers address physical construction and accessibility needs.

Non-profits are accustomed to vying for operational and program funding from the government but have not previously had an opportunity to compete for capital construction funds. This first-of-its-kind “small capital” initiative awarded organizations funding from \$50,000 up to a quarter million) through the *Rebuild Illinois* capital program and is administered by the Illinois Departments of Human Services (IDHS) and Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

Together DCEO and IDHS are awarding more than \$14 million to address much-needed capital improvements for eligible Illinois not-for-profit human services providers. Each awardee has worked with one or more of IDHS’ six divisions: Developmental Disabilities, Early Childhood, Family and Community Services, Mental Health, Rehabilitation Services, and/or Substance Use Prevention & Recovery.

"Human service providers bring more than a safety net to the residents of Illinois – they are the foundation for healthy communities," **said Governor JB Pritzker.** "That’s why it’s so important to invest in their capital needs, just as we do for other critical infrastructure in Illinois. I know these projects will have a positive impact on so many individuals and families in our state."

"We are grateful to Governor Pritzker, to IDHS and to DCEO for the House's Human Services Capital Investment Grant award," said **Juan Carlos Linares, President & CEO of Association House**. "For over 124 years, the House has served Chicagoans most in need, including providing a home for our community's developmentally and intellectually disabled adults. With this award, the State of Illinois has ensured that we can continue to serve these participants for years to come, with highest-level of dignity they deserve."

"The commitments announced today will strengthen the IDHS partners who keep our communities vibrant," said **Grace B. Hou, Secretary, Illinois Department of Human Services**. "We are grateful to Governor Pritzker, our colleagues at DCEO, and to every organization who applied for this unprecedented funding. Today's awards demonstrate our commitment to building up the community-based organizations that are making a difference every day for communities in need."

"The DCEO team is proud to work with IDHS on this unprecedented job-creating partnership," said **Kristin A. Richards, Director, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity**. "We're thrilled to help social service nonprofits build and grow -- whether by installing new building ramps and sprinklers, repairing elevators and bathrooms, or furnishing other long-needed improvements. These grants will expand the reach and deepen the impact of key community resources across Illinois."

Here a few of the projects, with a complete listing of recipients following below:

Association House of Chicago was awarded \$250,000 to make accessibility improvements including an elevator and ramp in its Humboldt Park area "Buena Vista" Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA), which provides an 8-bed 24-hour supervised residential for adults with developmental disabilities. The funds will also be used to rehab the CILA bathrooms, which are in dire need of modifications to better suit the residents using them. The building does have a fire alarm system, but currently does not have a corresponding sprinkler system, which is a recommended upgrade by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Covenant House of Illinois (CHIL) was awarded \$250,000 to expand services in Chicago's East Garfield Park neighborhood for 19 transitional housing beds for youth (aged 16-24) who are in urgent need of safe shelter. CHIL operates an array of comprehensive supportive services and residential programs for homeless and trafficked young people. Its mission is to provide young people experiencing homelessness with shelter and safety, trust and community, and a better tomorrow. CHIL currently runs a 37-bed Interim Housing Program, Youth Development Center, and administrative offices.

Survivor Empowerment Center (SEC), a Carbondale-based women and children's shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence, was awarded \$244,372 to physically improve its facility to comply with building codes and life-safety requirements. With these funds the Center will install automatic doors and a security system; update its HVAC system, restrooms, and all plumbing; and make the facility ADA accessible. These improvements will eliminate hazardous areas for shelter guests, provide safety for survivors, and improve building sanitation. SEC

serves Southern Illinois and is the only specialized service provider for a catchment area that includes Jackson, Williamson, Franklin, Union, Perry, Gallatin, Saline, and Johnson Counties.

Stepping Stones Center in Joliet was awarded \$240,000 to expand treatment service capacity by 34 people and meet all ADA and safety compliance standards and ensure a safe, healthy environment for staff and clients. Stepping Stones professionally treats Addiction, Alcohol Abuse, Anxiety, Depression, Drug Addiction, Dual Diagnosis (Co-occurring Disorders), Opioid Addiction, Peer Support, and Substance Abuse. The Center will add five beds; replace its outdated HVAC system; update its electrical to meet safety compliance requirements; replace degraded exterior siding and windows; remodel two bathrooms and add a kitchen for the two extended care units.

Christian County Mental Health Association a Taylorville nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify the needs of persons with disabilities in Christian County and to provide high quality, educational, developmental, residential, rehabilitation, employment, and advocacy services to support those persons and address their needs. The association was awarded \$250,000 to address life-safety deficiencies that were identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshall. The association will install two fire suppression and sprinkler systems for its main administration and manufacturing work services locations as well as upgrade its electrical systems.

Illinois received more than 450 applications from not-for-profit human services providers throughout the State. The program was designed to prioritize disproportionately impacted areas, the expansion of human services, and to address "life-safety code" deficiencies (ex. installation/replacement of fire sprinkler systems/fireproof doors).

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About IDHS

The Department of Human Services is Illinois' largest State agency, with more than 13,000 employees. IDHS provides residents across the State with streamlined access to human services and is home to six major Divisions: Developmental Disabilities, Early Childhood, Family and Community Services, Mental Health, Rehabilitation Services, and Substance Use Prevention & Recovery. IDHS also oversaw Illinois' Census 2020 office, and more recently established the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, Chief Behavioral Health Office, and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. The IDHS is rooted in working collaboratively with counties, cities, and communities, as well as our public, private, faith, and educational partners to make Illinois a healthy, vibrant, inclusive place to live, work, learn and grow.

About DCEO

The mission of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is to create equitable economic opportunities across the State of Illinois. By attracting and supporting major job creators, investing in communities, strengthening Illinois' world-class workforce, fostering innovation, and ushering in the new clean energy economy, DCEO works to fortify Illinois' reputation as a global economic powerhouse while ensuring Illinois is the best state to live, work and do business.

About *Rebuild Illinois*

Rebuild Illinois is the State's largest-ever capital program, devoted to creating good jobs and developing needed infrastructure in each area of the state, investing \$44.8 billion over six years, and supporting an estimated 540,000 direct, indirect, and induced jobs (approximately 90,000 jobs per year).

A full list by county of the funded organizations is listed below.

70 Award Winners, totaling \$14.3 million:

County - Organization Name	Funding Amount
ADAMS	\$246,500
Chaddock Attachment and Trauma Services	\$246,500
CHAMPAIGN	\$224,543
Bradley Street Day Care Center	\$93,908
Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County	\$130,635
CHRISTIAN	\$250,000
Christian County Mental Health Association	\$250,000
COLES	\$498,500
CCAR Industries	\$249,500
Coles County Mental Health Association, Inc.	\$249,000
COOK	\$6,476,929
Above and Beyond Family Recovery Center	\$250,000
AHS Family Health Center	\$250,000
Association House of Chicago	\$250,000

B.U.I.L.D INCORPORATED	\$212,500
BandWith Music Ltd	\$207,021
Breakthrough Urban Ministries, Inc.	\$249,700
Chicago House and Social Service Agency	\$205,039
Community Alternatives Unlimited	\$86,000
Covenant House Illinois INC.	\$250,000
CTF Illinois	\$62,820
Gateway to Learning	\$250,000
Glenkirk	\$127,928
Habilitative Systems, Inc.	\$224,476
Hanul Family Alliance	\$249,990
Heartland Alliance Health	\$250,000
Howard Area Community Center	\$95,696
HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB	\$250,000
Inner Voice Inc.	\$126,507
Kenneth Young Center	\$188,383
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois	\$220,000
Shelter, Inc.	\$241,450
Shore Community Services, Inc.	\$165,330
Southwood Interventions	\$250,000
St. Coletta's of Illinois, Inc.	\$225,000
St. Sabina Academy	\$250,000
The Bridge Youth & Family Services	\$90,000
The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired	\$249,200
The HANA Center	\$249,889
United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago	\$250,000
YANA HOUSE	\$250,000

YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago	\$250,000
DEKALB	\$245,000
Barb City Manor, Inc.	\$245,000
DUPAGE	\$500,000
DuPage Pads	\$250,000
Serenity House Counseling Services, Inc.	\$250,000
EFFINGHAM	\$95,176
Community Support Systems, Inc.	\$95,176
HENRY	\$176,141
Braveheart Children's Advocacy Center	\$176,141
JACKSON	\$244,372
Survivor Empowerment Center, Inc.	\$244,372
LA SALLE	\$71,409
Horizon House of Illinois Valley, Inc	\$71,409
LAKE	\$426,212
Community Action Partnership of Lake County	\$176,212
The Community Works, Inc. NFP	\$250,000
LEE	\$248,624
Kreider Services, Inc.	\$248,624
MADISON	\$250,000
Residential Options, Inc.	\$250,000
MARION	\$249,999
Centralia Community Youth Center	\$249,999
MCHENRY	\$487,338
Brown Bear Daycare & Learning Center	\$250,000
HOME OF THE SPARROW, INC.	\$161,000
New Directions Addiction Recovery Services	\$76,338

MCLEAN	\$445,000
McLean County Center for Human Services	\$245,000
YWCA of McLean County	\$200,000
PEORIA	\$571,418
Human Service Center	\$234,656
Midwest Food Bank, NFP	\$87,380
The Salvation Army~ Peoria Area Command	\$249,382
PIATT	\$239,052
Willow Tree Missions	\$239,052
ROCK ISLAND	\$220,258
The Arc of the Quad Cities Area	\$220,258
SANGAMON	\$250,000
Sojourn Shelter & Services, Inc.	\$250,000
TAZEWELL	\$487,524
Tazewell County Resource Centers, Inc.	\$250,000
Tazwood Mental Health Center, Inc.	\$237,524
WILL	\$470,000
Cornerstone Services	\$230,000
Stepping Stones Inc.	\$240,000
WINNEBAGO	\$947,471
Blackhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America	\$148,000
Boys & Girls Club of Rockford	\$246,458
Milestone, Inc.	\$160,130
Regional Access & Mobilization Project, Inc.	\$204,209
Supported Housing Management Corporation	\$99,631
Youth Services Network	\$89,043
Grand Total	\$14,321,466

