



EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless
Working to eliminate homelessness.

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EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless I-CARE PROGRAM EXPANSION PROPOSAL

ECOH conducted the annual Point in Time Count on January 25, 2017. Updated numbers showed there were 252 unsheltered persons in Escambia County. Of those, 157 reported having disabling conditions including mental health, drug or alcohol use, physical disabilities, or multiple and co-occurring disabilities. (See PIT DATA attachment). A recent study conducted by the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness revealed that the average annual costs to be homeless and cycling in and out of incarceration, emergency rooms, and inpatient hospitalizations ranged from \$31,065 to \$53,000 per person depending on need. However, it has been proven that housing a homeless individual first, and then wrapping various services around them, results in reduced costs to the community.

In January of 2017, ECOH implemented a pilot project called I-CARE. The program provides funds to rapidly house street homeless individuals and provide intensive case management from ECOH, mental health assessments from Lakeview Center and health assessments through the Escambia County Clinic. (See Coordinated Street Outreach Initiative attachment). To date, ten (10) households have been placed into permanent housing and two additional persons are in process of being housed. All those placed have income either through work or disability income, or they are in the process of applying for disability.

ECOH is requesting \$100,000 to expand the I-CARE Pilot project enabling us double the number of individuals we will serve and help them move from the streets into permanent housing.

ECOH will accept referrals directly from the street outreach team and coordinated entry in a centralized manner and conduct a vulnerability assessment. If eligible for the program, then the rapid rehousing services, health, mental and case management services are provided. Through the partnership with Lakeview Center and the Escambia County Community Clinic the individuals receive additional supports as needed. This additional funding will provide the resources to help move more people off the streets, reducing their impact on social services, hospitals, and the legal system. It will help fill the gap between being homeless and accessing safe affordable housing.

To reach additional chronically homeless individuals and place them in housing additional funds are needed for rental and utility deposits; up to the first three months' rent, rental application fees; coordinated assessment and referral, mental health and health care support and case management.

ECOH History and Partnerships

Originally organized in 1987 as the Escambia Coalition on the Homeless, the agency was formed to promote and coordinate community efforts to reduce homelessness as well as to establish an alliance of organizations, local government, agencies, institutions, and individuals interested in assuring the availability of shelter, healthcare, and related social services and facilities for the homeless in Escambia County. In March of 2000, the organization expanded its outreach and services to include Santa Rosa County and changed its name to the EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless (ECOH). The Coalition serves as the Lead Agency for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Florida Department of Children and Families' Office on Homelessness for both counties. As such it is the designated entity for local planning efforts to create a homeless assistance continuum of care system; receives federal and state funding that is then sub awards to entities providing services to the homeless as well as provides direct services to the homeless population.

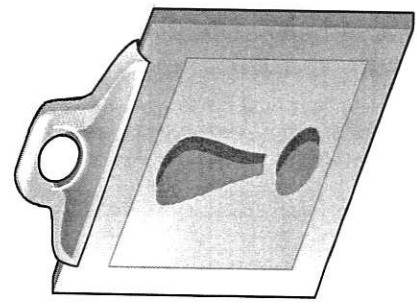
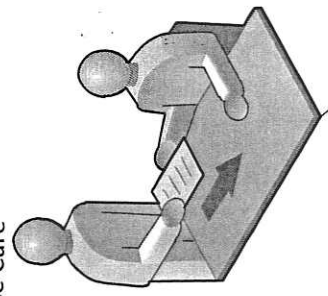
Partnerships are key to the success of addressing homelessness. As stated above, the ECOH is partnering with Lakeview Center and the Escambia County Community Clinic for implementation of the pilot I-CARE project. In addition, as a part of the yearly Point in Time County (and U-Count day of service), the ECOH partners with multiple agencies to insure successful outreach to those both sheltered and unsheltered. *(See ECOH Escambia County Services and Purpose Driven Coordination attachments)*. Those partners include: Salvation Army, Waterfront Mission, Loaves and Fishes, Holy Cross, and Alfred Washburn Center. The agency partners with Catholic Charities and 90 Works to provide homeless prevention services and rapid rehousing for homeless and implements the County Emergency Solutions Grant in Escambia County. ECOH provided the initial intake and coordination for the City of Pensacola's expanded Tenant Based Rental Assistance program. Lastly, the agency verifies homelessness for the Escambia County Tax Collector's office (for ID issuance) and the Early Learning Center (for child care vouchers).

Activity	Budget Category	Amount
Rapid Rehousing, Utilities and Deposits - CLIENT SERVICES	Rentals and Leases	25,000
Mental Health and Health Care Assessment and Services - CLIENT SERVICES	Professional Services	10,000
Case Management and Coaching - CLIENT SERVICES	Salaries and Wages/Benefits	35,000
Coordinated Entry and Referral - CLIENT SERVICES	ECOH Coordinated Assessment Emergency Shelter Referrals and Stipends	25,000
Marketing	Awareness	5,000
TOTALS		100,000

GOAL	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	BASELINE
1. Double the number of persons receiving services through the I-CARE program.	The number of people served will increase from 12 to 24.	The number of persons receiving services through the I-CARE Pilot Program in first half of 2017.
2. Reduce the number of unsheltered chronic homeless in Escambia County by 15%.	75% of unsheltered chronically homeless persons housed will remain stably housed for 6 months and 50% will have retained their housing at the end of 12 months.	The number of unsheltered chronically homeless in the 2017 PIT count served by the program.
3. Reduce the number of repeat crisis services (ER Visits, Mental Health interventions) utilized by the chronically homeless by 15%.	The number of Emergency Room visits and mental health interventions by the clients will be reduced by 15% from the previous year.	The total number of Emergency Room and mental health interventions by the clients for the previous 12 month period.
4. Increase the number of chronically homeless utilization of Escambia County Community Clinic as their primary care home by 15%.	The number of primary care services accessed by the clients over a one year period will be increased by 15%.	The number of times a client accessed Escambia County Community Clinic for primary health care during the previous 12 month period.

LEVERAGED PARTNERSHIPS

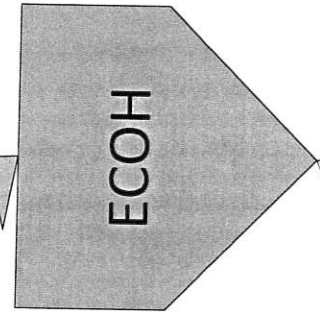
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- Shared Community Case Management
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Shelters
- Private Market Housing
- Area Development and Section 8 Housing



NEEDS

- Single Site Location (Marbut)
- Law Enforcement Support
- ECAT Support
- Local Government Support
- Permanent Special Needs Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Emergency Housing (Marbut)
- Case Management and Life Skills Coaches (Marbut)
- Additional SOAR Navigators

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LEVERAGED RESOURCES

- Housing and Urban Development (Continuing)
- Health and Human Services (Continuing)
- Florida Housing (Continuing)
- Florida Department of Children and Families (Continuing)



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- Reduced costs to Health and Mental Health Care systems
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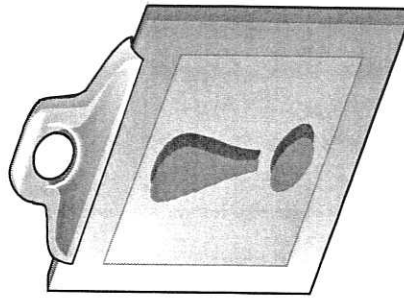
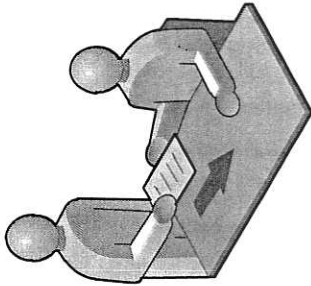
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ECOH'S PURPOSE DRIVEN COORDINATION

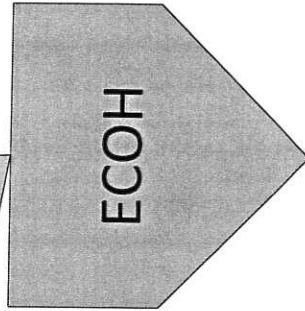
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