

## **Housing, Employment and Education**

The following services requested are targeted to individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders who are either re-entering the community from the criminal justice system or who are at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

### **Housing Development and Support**

**Bridge Subsidy-** Provision of rent and utility assistance on a transitional basis to access existing housing stock and to allow for time to access increased income through benefits and/or employment and access to long-term rental subsidy (Section 8) if available, to assist with maintaining the housing. *Based on \$495. Fair Market Rent for 1-bed and 12 months of assistance- projected # served is 168.* **\$1,000,000.**

**Community Housing Specialists-** Based on the successful housing development model of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health, these ODMHSAS staff will work with community stakeholders, including Regional Housing Coordinators, to facilitate the development of truly affordable housing options for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring disorders and their families (including assistance with grant writing). *Based on two positions, and the results of the Tennessee Initiative, it is estimated that approximately 573 new or improved housing options could be created in 1-2 years time.* **\$130,000.**

**Regional Housing Coordinators-** Designated provider level staff, located with in each of the 15 CMHC designated service regions, to work with the Community Housing Specialists to facilitate development of new or improved housing options in their region. Will also be responsible for providing direct care services related to accessing housing, and will serve as the housing specialist for the CMHC and work with both interagency service providers and external service providers to coordinate housing access and access to necessary housing support services. *Based on 15 positions (\$50,000.00 each for salary, benefits and travel; one at each CMHC). It is estimated that they can assist with exceeding the projected # of units developed, and can assist many consumers access housing both directly and indirectly through serving as a resource to other staff (positions will be direct service and cost reimbursement).* **\$750,000.**

**Housing Development Fund-** A fund used to provide leverage/match dollars in the development of non-congregate permanent supported housing. *Fund is needed to assist with leveraging the funding necessary to develop the new or improved housing units previously mentioned.* **\$1,131,694.**

**Housing Support Services-** Services that focus on assisting with maintaining safe and affordable permanent housing. *Based on serving 750 people, 44 hours each at a service rate of 15.20 per 15 minutes.* **\$2,006,250.**

### **Employment**

**Implementation of SAMHSA's Support Employment Best Practice Model-** Funding to cover the needed services that DRS funding will not cover. *Based on the implementation of 4 model sites serving 28 people each at \$2,573. per person.* **\$288,176.**

**Provision of Other Employment Services-** (based on Supported Employment Best Practices) for consumers who may not need the intensity of support services that are offered through the SAMHSA Model or who may not meet the eligibility criteria to receive assistance through DRS. *Based on serving 150 people the full array of employment supports (\$2,500. per person). It is estimated that not every person served will need the full array of services, so it is likely that more than 150 persons will be served.* **\$375,000.**

### **Education**

**Education Support Services-** Services that focus on assisting with pursuing educational opportunities for building a career, enriching their personal development and expanding their social avenues. *Based on serving 150 people, 24 hours each at a service rate of 15.20 per 15 minutes.* **\$218,880.**

### **Community Support Flexible Funds**

**Flexible Funds-** Flexible funds to be utilized to assist with accessing and maintaining community integration through areas such as housing, employment, education and the development of natural supports. *Based on serving 200 people (500. per person). It is estimated that not every person served will need the full 500., so it is likely that more than 200 persons will be served.* **\$100,000.**