

## SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING CUTS TO EMERGENCY SHELTER AND HOUSING SERVICES THREATEN TO CRIPPLE SERVICES TO MILWAUKEE'S HOMELESS

An estimated **\$585,000** in core Federal funding for Milwaukee's emergency shelter services has been cut. Funding has been reduced as follows:

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding was decreased by **21%**. The City of Milwaukee lost **\$255,423** in ESG funds, and these funds were used to support **Milwaukee's frontline shelters, homeless prevention services and rapid rehousing programs**.
- The State's allocation of U.S. HUD ETH direct service funds has also been cut by **15%**, with the City of Milwaukee losing **\$118,802 in housing support** (\$25,957 in shelter and \$92,845 in rapid re-housing, prevention, and outreach).
- City CDBG funds have decreased by **24%** in 2013, including **\$108,000** in core homeless service grants and \$200,000 in anticipated re-programming dollars not assigned as match dollars due to ESG funding cuts.
- In 2012, U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP, formerly FEMA) was cut by **\$103,311 or 34%** compared to 2010. In addition, there has been **no word** on an allocation for **2013**, leaving agencies guessing at whether these funds totaling nearly **\$200,000** will come through at all.

These extensive funding cuts follow unprecedented **delays in governmental contract** issuance and cost reimbursement, which alone has significantly damaged the cash flow and financial resources of many homeless service providers. The second half of EFSP grant awards from 2012 finally became available in just the last week. The combined impact of extensive contract delays and unanticipated deep funding losses is crippling homeless services providers and resources:

- In an effort to maintain the current (and still insufficient) level of emergency shelter care bed capacity, agencies are being forced to close or scale back other related supportive services and **lay off case management and other direct service staff**. Direct client support – including food and basic supplies – are also being reduced or eliminated.
- Other essential sources of shelter funding (i.e., State Shelter Subsidy Grants) are increasingly in jeopardy due to staff and service reductions now being made.
- The loss of critical supportive services results in more frequent and increased shelter stays and longer waiting lists for homeless individuals with the greatest need – **more homeless people will end up on the streets and homelessness prevention will be more difficult to achieve**.

This significant loss of comes at a particularly challenging time in Milwaukee:

- Calls to IMPACT 2-1-1 for shelter care are now averaging **2,000 per month**, and these requests for emergency housing have increased each month and by nearly **18%** since 2012:

	<u>Year 2007</u>	<u>Year 2008</u>	<u>Year 2009</u>	<u>Year 2010</u>	<u>Year 2011</u>	<u>Year 2012</u>
Emergency Shelter Calls	10,364	10,993	11,774	15,971	17,066	20,147
Change from Prior Year	NA	6.1%	7.1%	35.6%	6.9%	18.1%
Change from Year 2007	NA	6.1%	13.6%	54.1%	64.7%	94.4%

- As evidenced in the January 2013 Point In Time (PIT) bi-annual survey of Milwaukee's homeless citizens, nearly **1,500** individuals were homeless the night of the survey, and from July 2012 to January 2013 increases of **4.7%** and **23.6%** were reported in the number of mentally ill and chronically homeless people.
- The link between homelessness and mental illness is well established and extensive, and the diminishment of homeless services will have a direct impact on Milwaukee County's Behavioral Health Division and their SMART System Re-Design efforts relating to community resources and service coordination improvements.

In October 2013, Milwaukee is set to launch a **Coordinated Entry System** for its continuum of homeless services, a central component of its **10-Year Plan to End Homelessness**. Under the leadership of United Way and with IMPACT 2-1-1 serving as the system's point of entry and managing agency, Coordinated Entry will change the community's homeless services systems and improve its efficiency and effectiveness with its emphasis on homelessness prevention, community-based case management, rapid re-housing, and housing access. These are all critical front-end resources to the Coordinated Entry system and are now vulnerable as a result of the substantial funding losses detailed. Coordinated Entry **NEEDS** front end services in order to reach its potential of being the most effective model of service delivery for individuals in a housing crisis.

Agency	Total 2013 Funding	% of Total Funding	Total Funding Loss
Cathedral Center	\$ 160,890	6%	\$ (70,233)
Community Advocates	\$ 919,132	33%	\$ (345,750)
Daystar	\$ 45,152	2%	\$ (5,739)
Guest House of Milwaukee	\$ 378,253	14%	\$ (77,313)
Hope House of Milwaukee	\$ 242,326	9%	\$ (35,298)
LaCausa	\$ 47,112	2%	\$ (6,023)
Legal Action of WI	\$ 40,038	1%	\$ (28,862)
My Home, Your Home	\$ -	0%	\$ (19,757)
Outreach Community Health Center	\$ 43,386	2%	\$ 23,629
Pathfinders	\$ 80,676	3%	\$ (15,168)
Salvation Army	\$ 297,367	11%	\$ (119,487)
Sojourner Family Peace Center	\$ 322,125	12%	\$ (57,590)
St. Aemilian-Lakeside	\$ 23,546	1%	\$ 5,446
Walker's Point Youth and Family Center	\$ 115,055	4%	\$ (24,786)
YWCA of Greater Milwaukee	\$ 80,167	3%	\$ (8,605)
<b>Funding Source Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,795,225</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ (785,536)</b>

Minus \$200,000 in re-programming

\$ (585,536)

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SUMMARY		
FEMA cut - \$		\$ (103,311)
FEMA cut - %		-34%
ESG/ETH/CDBG cut - \$		\$ (691,421)
ESG/ETC/CDBG cut - %		-21%
City ESG cut - \$		\$ (255,423)
City ESG cut - %		-21%
State ETH cut - \$		\$ (127,998)
State ETH cut - %		-16%
City CDBG cut - \$		\$ (308,000)
City CDBG cut - %		-24%

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<b>ESG 2012</b>	<b>ESG 2013</b>	<b>ESG Change</b>
\$ 71,364	\$ 56,580	\$ (14,784)
\$ 305,771	\$ 282,072	\$ (23,699)
\$ 27,704	\$ 21,965	\$ (5,739)
\$ 177,728	\$ 140,911	\$ (36,817)
\$ 96,491	\$ 36,860	\$ (59,631)
\$ 29,075	\$ 23,052	\$ (6,023)
\$ 38,900	\$ 30,842	\$ (8,058)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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\$ 39,765	\$ 31,527	\$ (8,238)
\$ 254,527	\$ 201,801	\$ (52,726)
\$ 89,802	\$ 71,199	\$ (18,603)
\$ 18,100	\$ 14,350	\$ (3,750)
\$ 42,237	\$ 33,487	\$ (8,750)
\$ 41,539	\$ 32,934	\$ (8,605)
<b>\$ 1,233,003</b>	<b>\$ 977,580</b>	<b>\$ (255,423)</b>

<b>State ETH 2012</b>	<b>State ETH 2013</b>	<b>ETH Change</b>
\$ 39,514	\$ 37,433	\$ (2,081)
\$ 456,736	\$ 346,427	\$ (110,309)
\$ 139,046	\$ 134,039	\$ (5,007)
\$ 39,514	\$ 34,358	\$ (5,156)
\$ 30,000	\$ 9,196	\$ (20,804)
\$ 19,757	\$ -	\$ (19,757)
\$ 19,757	\$ 43,386	\$ 23,629
	\$ 9,358	\$ 9,358
\$ 19,757	\$ 32,285	\$ 12,528
\$ 19,757	\$ 9,358	\$ (10,399)
\$ -	\$ 9,196	\$ 9,196
\$ -		
\$ -		
<b>\$ 783,838</b>	<b>\$ 665,036</b>	<b>\$ (118,802)</b>

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<b>CDBG 2012</b>	<b>CDBG 2013</b>	<b>CDBG Change</b>
\$ 38,250	\$ 12,750	\$ (25,500)
\$ 459,298	\$ 262,198	\$ (197,100)
\$ 23,187	\$ 23,187	\$ -
\$ 94,396	\$ 73,996	\$ (20,400)
\$ 110,694	\$ 150,694	\$ 40,000
\$ 24,060	\$ 24,060	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 37,580	\$ 27,580	\$ (10,000)
\$ 94,350	\$ 31,450	\$ (62,900)
\$ 251,066	\$ 228,966	\$ (22,100)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 79,845	\$ 69,845	\$ (10,000)
\$ 47,233	\$ 47,233	\$ -
<b>\$ 1,259,959</b>	<b>\$ 951,959</b>	<b>\$ (308,000)</b>

<b>FEMA 2010</b>	<b>FEMA 2012</b>	<b>FEMA Change</b>
\$ 81,995	\$ 54,127	\$ (27,868)
\$ 43,077	\$ 28,435	\$ (14,642)
\$ -	\$ -	
\$ 44,396	\$ 29,307	\$ (15,089)
\$ 30,925	\$ 20,414	\$ (10,511)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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\$ 18,499	\$ 12,211	\$ (6,288)
\$ 48,220	\$ 31,831	\$ (16,389)
\$ 19,090	\$ 12,602	\$ (6,488)
\$ -	\$ -	
\$ 17,759	\$ 11,723	\$ (6,036)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>\$ 303,961</b>	<b>\$ 200,650</b>	<b>\$ (103,311)</b>

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