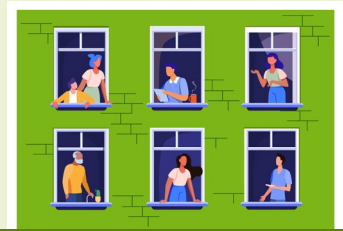


Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration Program

People Incorporated of Virginia



About the Grant Recipient

People Incorporated of Virginia (People Inc.) is a community action agency (CAA) that helps families with low incomes in North Central Virginia advance their education and improve their employment status with the overall goal of increasing their economic wellbeing and housing stability. People Inc. owns and manages 207 affordable housing units in Culpeper, Fauquier, Page, and Shenandoah counties.

About the Award

People Inc. has been awarded \$217,482 through the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration (AHSSD) program, administered by the Office of Community Services (OCS). With this funding, People Inc. will provide economic and social support to improve their residents' housing stability by:

- Expanding the resident services manager's role to meet with residents and identify what kind of supportive services are most needed — for example, physical and mental health, workforce development, education, and caregiver and parental resilience.
- Bringing services directly to residents in their homes to remove transportation barriers.
- Providing each family with a tailored plan to receive coaching related to financial literacy, including developing a budget and planning for their financial future.

Combining Affordable Housing with Supportive Services

Affordable housing provides a place to live for individuals and families with low incomes, but sometimes housing alone is not enough to help residents achieve safety, stability, and economic mobility.

Barriers to housing stability include, but are not limited to, having a low income, mental and physical health challenges, limited education, and limited English proficiency.

Combining supportive services with affordable housing has been shown to be an effective strategy for helping vulnerable populations maintain a stable home, while moving toward economic mobility and self-sufficiency.

About the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration (AHSSD) Program

In fiscal year 2023, [OCS](#) within the [Administration for Children and Families](#) (ACF) at the U.S. [Department of Health and Human Services](#) launched AHSSD, a brand new demonstration program. OCS awarded nearly \$2.1 million to nine grant recipients — eight CAAs and the Chickasaw Nation — across the country to strengthen and enhance the wraparound supportive services available to residents living in affordable housing communities. This funding will provide supportive services to affordable housing residents in Alaska, Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, and Virginia. With this funding, grant recipients will increase their capacity to help families living in affordable housing access wraparound supportive services to improve their overall safety, stability, and economic mobility.