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Wellspring Awarded Nearly \$13 Million to Address Louisville's Supportive Housing Crisis

Louisville, KY--With grant awards of nearly \$13 million, Wellspring will rapidly develop critically needed Supportive Housing to serve adults with serious mental illness in Jefferson County. Two American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants and additional funds from the James Graham Brown Foundation will allow Wellspring to add 50 units of Affordable, Supportive Housing for homeless adults with serious mental illness (SMI) through small, neighborhood-based housing properties in the Louisville region.

“Wellspring is addressing our community’s affordable housing shortage as well as the need for concurrent supportive services for our most vulnerable homeless adults with serious mental illness,” says Wellspring CEO Kathy Dobbins. “Providing decent, affordable housing with support allows persons with serious mental illness to thrive and it is the best way to prevent cycles of homelessness, hospitalizations, and incarcerations.”

Wellspring will purchase and renovate existing properties throughout Jefferson County. Wellspring has a proven track record of seamlessly integrating this kind of supportive housing into community neighborhoods, which reduces stigma and strengthens personal and neighborhood connections, and currently serves approximately 475 people through housing and an array of supportive services.

“The ARPA and James Graham Brown Foundation grants have made this critically important step a reality,” Dobbins said. “The community’s financial commitment is the cornerstone to housing, which is vital for people’s mental health recovery. Wellspring alone cannot solve Louisville’s gigantic problem of homelessness, but we are a meaningful part of the solution.”

Wellspring is a Louisville non-profit with 40 years of experience serving adults with mental illness. With a current budget of \$6.6 million, Wellspring operates the region’s only [Crisis Stabilization Services](#) that provide 24/7 acute-care in a home-like setting. In addition, Wellspring provides [Assertive Community Treatment](#), [case management](#), [peer support](#), [Supportive Housing](#), and [Affordable Housing Programs](#) with subsidized rental housing. Wellspring also has a [Supportive Employment Program](#).

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