

**FY 2021**  
**FL-507 - Orlando/Orange, Osceola,  
Seminole Counties Continuum of Care**  
**3A-1a. Housing Leverage Commitments**

**APPLICANT: HOMELESS SERVICES NETWORK**  
**PROJECT: 2021 New Housing and Health Care PSH**

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To Whom It May Concern

**RE: 2021 New Housing and Health Care PSH Project**

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HSN will match \$95,760 in rental assistance funding provided by the City of Orlando (N16-0108) during the grant term, which is expected to be fall of 2022 through all of 2023. (7 units x \$1140 per month x 12 months). The source of these funds is City of Orlando general funds.

Sincerely,

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Martha Are  
CEO



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Martha Are, CEO  
Homeless Services Network  
142 E Jackson St  
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Ms. Are,

The Seminole County Housing Authority is pleased to partner with the Homeless Services Network (HSN) for a New Housing and Health Care PSH Project.

The housing authority is committing rental assistance for 3 one-bedroom units to be paid each month for the duration of the grant term, which is likely to be Fall 2022 - Fall 2023.

The value of the commitment is \$41,040 (1 bedroom FMR is \$1,140 x 3 units x 12 months).

The source of the funds is PHA administered housing choice vouchers. Please see the excerpt for our Administrative Plan regarding our homeless preference which was adopted by the housing authority board effective 04/01/2021:

*E. Homeless Preference: A local preference will be established in the HCV program to provide housing assistance to homeless or chronically homeless individuals or families. The preference will given to applicants on a referral only basis; and as certified as homeless by a social service agency as homeless and referred to SCHA under the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Agreement.*

- 1. Homeless individuals and families,*
- 2. Chronically homeless,*
- 3. Individuals graduating from or aging out of the foster care system administered by the Florida Dept of Protective and Regulatory Services; and*
- 4. Currently or formerly homeless applicants who are ready to transition from supportive housing program(s).*

*To qualify for the homeless preference applicants must be referred by a service agency that has partnered with SCHA as a homeless service provider through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU). The service provider will agree to provide SCHA with a signed certification that the applicant meets the current HUD definition of homelessness and is*

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*qualified to apply for housing under these criteria. Applicants graduating or aging out of foster care, or transitional housing must be referred, and certified as homeless under the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement.*

*Currently SCHA has agreements in place with the following agencies:*

- *Seminole County Government Community Assistance Office*
- *SafeHouse*
- *Seminole County Public Schools Families in Need program*
- *Continuum of Care FL507/The Central Florida Commission on Homelessness*
- *Embrace Families*

*Additional Details:*

*Families that are participants in the Seminole County Public School "Families in Need" program or Families that are Homeless referrals from the "Seminole County Community Assistance Office" as a part of the Seminole County Homeless Task Force Initiative. Initially, 25 vouchers are being set aside for this preference. If any of these 25 vouchers turns over through attrition, a homeless family referral will be issued the replacement voucher. If all 25 voucher slots are in use, 1 out of every 5 regular turnover vouchers will be made available for this preference. (Example: if the SCHA needs to issue 5 vouchers to fill vacant positions, 1 of the 5 issued will be to a homeless referral, the other 4 will come from the waiting list) Pursuant to the MOU, SafeHouse may utilize up to 5 vouchers.*

The housing authority looks forward to this partnership and will continue support HSN's efforts to end homelessness in Central Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon Young", is written over the typed name and title.

Shannon Young  
Executive Director