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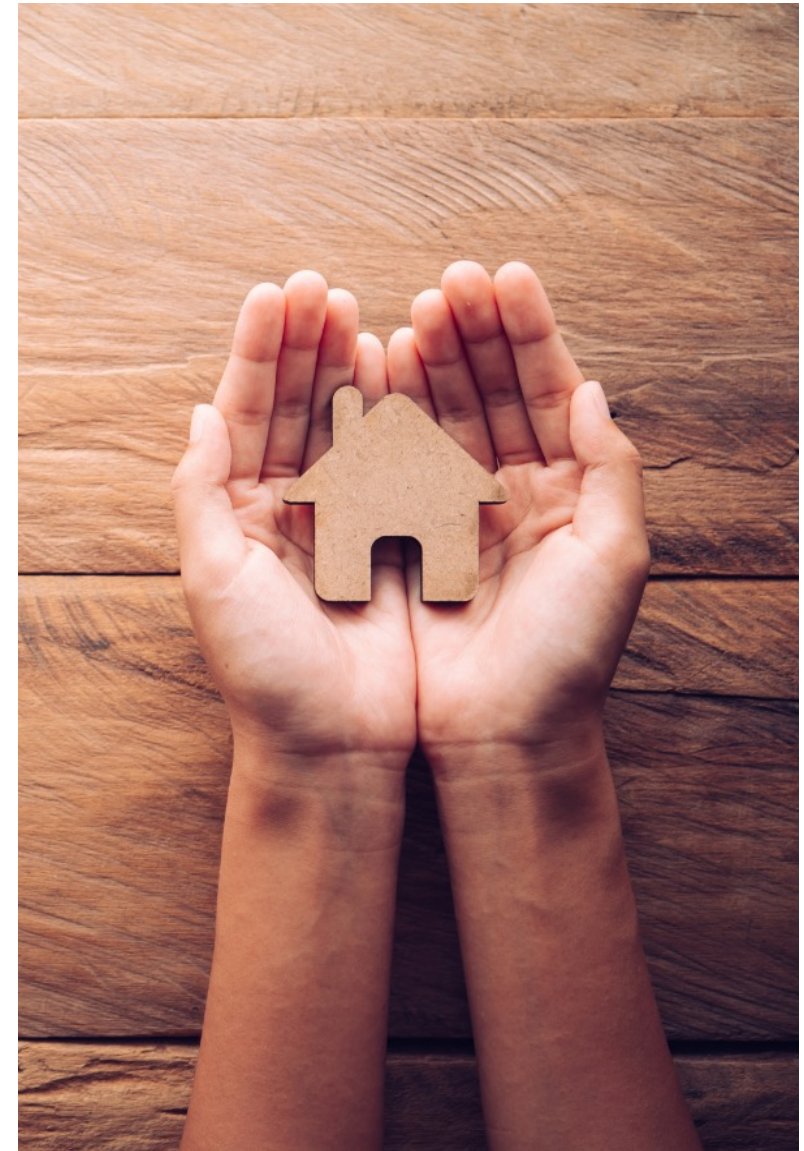
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Housing & Housing Related Supports

BSAS has deployed \$22 Million in funding for

- The Housing Stability Supports program
- The Low-Threshold Housing and Services programs



Housing Stability Supports Program

\$10M initiative that seeks to reinforce participants' recovery from addiction by:

- Offering **stability support services** within permanent and transitional supportive housing environments
- Helping clients to **develop independent living skills** such as fiscal responsibility and regular household upkeep, as well as establish strong connections to providers and services within the community
- Facilitating **access to local child development/parenting skills workshops** for families
- Services for this program are split between **permanent housing** (funded at \$7M) and **transitional housing** (funded at \$3M)



Low-Threshold Housing and Services Program

The **Low-Threshold Housing and Services program**, which is deploying \$12M annually to increase low-threshold housing through a Housing First model where sobriety is not a requirement for accessing/maintaining housing. Outcomes include:

- Residents can **develop independent living skills** and **comprehensive community/provider connections** for sustaining both housing and recovery from addiction
- As of April 2022, this program has housed **153 individuals**, with **30 additional placements** expected through May 2022



Impacts from Housing Programs

These programs have an immediate impact on the lives of participants, including:

- Eliminating housing-related stress and improving their focus on recovery
- Helping them to save money and pay off debts that may have been hanging over them
- Bridging the gap between exiting treatment and obtaining recovery services – particularly for people in early recovery who need an explicit support structure



Expected Positive Outcomes



- Reductions of substance use
- Decreased criminal justice-involvement
- Improvement in employment (both full and part-time)
- Increased use of public assistance
- Improved physical and mental health status
- Improvement in their overall quality of life



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Thank you for the opportunity to present this information today.