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Local organization providing funding to increase capacity at homeless shelters in Linn and Benton Counties

Community Services Consortium (CSC) is distributing over \$700,000 to fund local homeless and youth shelters in Linn and Benton Counties.

The applications received from many local shelter providers totaled over \$1.8 million in requests, nearly triple the amount CSC had available to award. While CSC wanted to fulfill all of the requests they received, the funding was limited and their review committee had to make some difficult decisions as to how the money would be allocated and to whom.

It is obvious that the need for shelter in the region is great, and the available local resources cannot completely meet those needs. After consideration, each project that was awarded will expand the number of available shelter beds in the local region.

Awards were as follows:

- Jackson Street Youth Services was awarded \$225,000 for services to homeless youth aged 10 to 24.
- Unity Shelter was awarded \$189,900 for the Emergency Motel Shelter project for homeless families, couples, and the medically fragile, and \$231,580 for Room at the Inn Shelter to expand their services to homeless women.
- Albany Helping Hands was awarded \$55,000 for a security system for their shelter expansion.

CSC is dedicated to fighting homelessness and making resources available for those in need.

With shelter partners in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties, CSC supports their efforts assisting those who are homeless, at risk of losing their housing, or who have issues with their current housing situation.

“As we continue to battle the housing crisis and the resulting consequences, CSC is committed and proud to assist our partners in the region who are offering the most basic yet vital services to the unhoused—safe, dignified shelter, food, and connection to resources,” said Dina Eldridge, Housing Services Manager for Community Services Consortium.

Eldridge continued, “CSC cannot fight homelessness alone, so we are grateful to be able to support those who are on the frontlines of this crisis. Together, we can make a difference—one person at a time.”

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