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## **Chrysalis Center Receives \$2 Million Grant to Help End Homelessness and At-Risk Population in Connecticut**

**Hartford, CT** - Chrysalis Center has been awarded \$2 million federal grant to combat homeless in the state of Connecticut. The “Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals” or GBHI, is a highly competitive national award which was presented to the organization by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). As the only nonprofit in the state to receive the GBHI grant this year, Chrysalis Center has been a longtime leader in the state, providing a pathway to self-sufficiency for those experiencing homelessness and those at-risk of losing their home, and living at or below the poverty line.

GBHI funds will directly support the development and implementation of a community a community-based case management team beginning in January. The program provides critical services to individuals who are referred to Chrysalis throughout Greater Hartford and Central Connecticut and are currently experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless. The organization will be able to provide services and connect vital community resources to 500 individuals over the next five years, creating an environment for self-sufficiency and stable housing.

*“What is most exciting about this grant is the tremendous impact we will be able to have on homelessness,”* said Leticia Brown-Gambino, Chief Program Officer at Chrysalis Center. *“Being able to step in when someone is at-risk of losing their housing, and losing everything, that is key. It allows us to help stop the vicious cycle of homelessness from even starting.”*

According to the [Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness](#) there are more than 4,000 homeless individuals in Connecticut.

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### **About Chrysalis Center**

Chrysalis Center is a private, non-profit, socially innovative, multiservice organization that serves individuals and their families living in the State of Connecticut. Chrysalis Center helps those living in poverty, Veterans, men, women, children, and young adults who are struggling with mental health, addiction, HIV/AIDS, those returning from incarceration and homelessness. Find more information about how Chrysalis Center provides supportive services to assist people in need to transform their lives at: [Chrysalis Center](#). Getting help...Getting better...Giving back.

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