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**Lee County Homeless Continuum of Care**  
**Awarded \$2.1 Million in Program Renewals**

The Lee County Homeless Continuum of Care, comprised of local government agencies and non-profit and faith-based organizations, has been awarded \$2,141,034 in federal funding to continue 11 projects that serve Lee County residents who are homeless.

Under the Shelter Plus Care program, which provides rent subsidies for people who are homeless, three programs totaling \$243,444 were funded for two agencies, Lee Mental Health, Inc., and Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc.

Additionally, Supportive Housing Program renewals for a variety of capital improvements and services for the homeless were funded. These included \$300,232 to the Lee County Department of Human Services for database management and services for the homeless, \$1,286,206 to The Salvation Army, Inc. for services for the homeless, \$66,103 to Renaissance Manor, Inc. for permanent supportive housing programs, and \$245,049 to Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. for transitional and permanent housing programs.

Funding for local Continuums of Care is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is awarded following a national competitive application process. The 2011 awards totaling over \$1.5 billion were released by HUD in an expedited manner, aimed at providing uninterrupted services for the homeless that are already served by these programs.

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