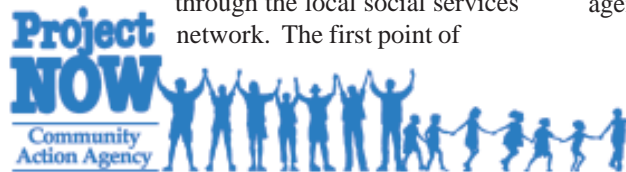




# Homeless Services: A Comprehensive Approach

by Julie Lindbeck, MSW, Homeless Services Coordinator

Project NOW Inc. began as a grass roots organization and has developed over the past 40 years into a full service Community Action Agency for Rock Island, Henry and Mercer Counties. Homeless Services is just one of the many departments under Project NOW's umbrella; service effectiveness is strengthened by other departments such as Outreach, Head Start, Housing/ Home Buyer, and Senior Services.



Project NOW's successes in service delivery are a result of a comprehensive approach to helping clients through the local social services network. The first point of

contact is with an Outreach worker who assesses needs quickly and advocates for emergency solutions to the basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing. The client can complete an application for Food Stamps, obtain a food pantry

voucher, receive advocacy for emergency shelter placement, and obtain no-cost clothing from the agency's secondhand store.

During that same visit, longer term solutions are explored as well. If the client is at-risk of homelessness, prevention activities such as Rent/ Utility

Assistance along with the Supportive Housing Case Management program are offered in efforts to help the client overcome barriers to maintaining

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# McKinney-Vento Reauthorization Analysis

A new analysis of the Community Partnership to End Homelessness Act of 2007 is available from the National Alliance to End Homelessness. The analysis describes the major features of the legislation and how it would change HUD's McKinney-Vento programs and help communities implement their plans to end homelessness.

Senator Reed (D-RI), Senator Allard (R-CO), and 11 other Senators introduced the Community Partnership to End

Homelessness Act of 2007 (S. 1518) on May 24. The bill would make federal funding of homeless assistance more flexible, particularly in rural communities. It would also expand the amount of homelessness prevention and increase the emphasis on performance and accountability.

The Act would support communities in implementing their ten year plans to end homelessness by:

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Headlines/Hotline on the Internet - The Illinois Community Action Association publishes both Homeless Headlines and Homeless Hotline on the Publications page of its web site at [www.icaanet.org](http://www.icaanet.org). To receive both by email, send a blank email to: [headlines-hotline-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:headlines-hotline-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). (Self service only.)



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cost includes breakfast and  
parking)

*SAVE THE DATE!*

**September 20-21, 2007**

Homeless Providers will present sessions that address issues and concerns common to projects that serve homeless individuals and families. HUD's goals for the conference are:

- Homeless providers will learn from their peers
- HUD will understand grantee issues and concerns
- Build and maintain relationships within the homeless provider community in Illinois

There is no registration fee for this conference. For further information contact **Darrel Bugajsky** at 312/353-1696 ext. 2716 or go to the Illinois Community Action Association website [www.icaanet.org](http://www.icaanet.org).

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## Stand Alone Food Stamp Pre-Screening Tool

The Food and Nutrition Service is pleased to announce the availability of a stand alone version of the "Step 1" food stamp pre-screening tool.

The pre-screening tool is an online tool used to provide potential applicants with an estimate of food stamp eligibility and benefit amount. Previously, Internet access was required in order to use the "Step 1" tool. Now, users have the option to download the "stand alone" tool to a laptop and use the tool anywhere, even in places without Internet access such as faith-based locations, homeless shelters, migrant camps, private homes, parks, or job sites. The stand alone tool greatly extends the reach of pre-screening as an outreach strategy. The stand alone pre-screening tool will be updated on an occasional basis. Updates will occur at least once a year to accommodate the annual updates to the income levels and allocations. It is the user's responsibility to check the website from time to time to ensure that they have the most recent version of

the stand alone tool. FNS can not remind or notify users individually when the tool is updated. Download the tool today and check it out! For those who are unable to download the tool, a CD of the stand alone can be provided upon request.

Link to the stand alone "Step 1" tool: [www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/stand-alone.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/stand-alone.htm) Link to the Internet based tool "Step1" tool: [www.foodstamps-step1.usda.gov](http://www.foodstamps-step1.usda.gov). Questions? Send an email to [fspoutreach@fns.usda.gov](mailto:fspoutreach@fns.usda.gov)

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## Five Fast Ways To Recruit New Board Members



**W**e tend to recruit board members from among our friends and acquaintances . . . no wonder we often run out of people in familiar circles to ask. At the same time, we often want to bring people onto the board who are more prestigious, wealthier, better connected, and who can add an important diversity component. We might, for example, want to recruit more people of color, more women, younger members, gay/lesbian individuals, residents in another part of the county. In short: recruiting is as much about knowing *what* you want to recruit, as *how* to recruit. Previous Board Cafe issues have taken on the diversity issue see [www.boardcafe.org](http://www.boardcafe.org) for archived issues or purchase Best of the Board Cafe at [www.compasspoint.org](http://www.compasspoint.org).

### Here are Five Fast Ways to Recruit:

- Post your “Great Board Member Wanted” ad on free websites that match people seeking boards to join with nonprofits seeking board members. We like: [www.boardnetusa.org](http://www.boardnetusa.org) for its national (if uneven) reach, the info it collects, and the other resources there [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org) for its very wide distribution, although it’s much better known for referring program volunteers than for board volunteers [www.bridgestar.org](http://www.bridgestar.org) uses the [boardnetusa.org](http://www.boardnetusa.org) database, but adds individuals from its (mostly corporate) members, and has good additional resources for board members less familiar with the nonprofit sector
- Place a “Help Wanted—Volunteer Board Member” ad on your lobby

bulletin board, in your newsletter, in the neighborhood newspaper, or in the alumni newsletter of a local college. Example: “Help South Park... We’re looking for a few talented and conscientious volunteer board members to lead and strengthen our programs for people with Alzheimer’s and their families. If you can contribute your time, thoughtfulness, and leadership one evening a month, and are interested in exploring this opportunity, call Sister Mary Margaret at xxx-xxxx to find out whether this volunteer opportunity is right for you. We’re especially looking for folks with accounting experience, with gerontology backgrounds, from the Asian communities, or who are on the younger side of the community.

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## Making the Connection IDHS Applications

*Contributor: DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform*



*The authors of this column welcome your comments and questions. See contact information at the end of the article.*

**L**ast month I discussed the basics of completing an application for benefits such as Food Stamps, TANF, Medicaid and All Kids. On the surface this seems pretty simple, just fill out the application. Unfortunately there is more than one application, and often the outcome on the application is dependent on whether or not the right application was used. In order to know which application to use, it is necessary

to understand the purpose of each of the different applications

**Background:** When the Illinois Department of Human Services was created in 1997, it took over the administration of a number of different agencies, including the Department of Public Aid local offices. These were the offices where applications for cash, medical and Food Stamps benefits are made. The Illinois Department of Public Aid still existed, but this agency no longer supervised the former “public aid” offices. Instead the Illinois Department of Human Services supervised the “old” Public Aid offices and today calls these offices Family and Community Resource Centers (FCRC). The “new” Public Aid retained many functions such as child support collection and policy oversight for the Medicaid program. Then, in a move that only made people more confused, the

Department of Public Aid later changed its name to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS).

The agency split resulted in a unique sharing of responsibility for all the state Medicaid programs: IDHS accepts applications for Medicaid (including All Kids) and will make decisions on the applications. The writing of policy, the decisions about what applications to use, and the decisions about payment for medical services are all handled by HFS. With the creation of Kidcare and later All Kids, HFS got back into the business of accepting applications and determining eligibility for All Kids benefits. HFS centralized the entire application process in Springfield, and limited its application scope to strictly medical benefits.

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## Resources from National Health Care for the Homeless Council

([www.nhchc.org/disabilityresources.htm](http://www.nhchc.org/disabilityresources.htm))

**Stepping Stones to Recovery:** A Training Curriculum for Case Managers Assisting Persons Who Are Homeless Apply for SSI/SSDI Disability Benefits - developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). - [www.prainc.com/soar/](http://www.prainc.com/soar/)

**Social Security Online,** Service to the Homeless - a special section of the SSA website that provides information of interest to homeless claimants and their advocates: SSA reports, program instructions, information about benefit programs and how to qualify for them, and announcements of funds available for outreach projects, including the Homeless Outreach Projects and Evaluation (HOPE) grant. - [www.ssa.gov/homelessness/](http://www.ssa.gov/homelessness/)

**FirstStep** on the path to benefits for people who are homeless (Income Assistance) - an interactive tool for case managers, outreach workers, and others working with people who are homeless, available on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' website. This section provides detailed information about 5 Federal programs that can provide mainstream income assistance for people who are homeless: Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and VA Compensation. - [www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/firststep/content/incomecategory.html](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/firststep/content/incomecategory.html)

## Shelter Health: Essentials of Care for People Living in Shelter

**S**erious health problems are common among homeless persons, and shelter settings involve particular health risks for residents and service providers, as well as opportunities for important health care interventions. A Shelter Health guide has been created by The National Health Care for the Homeless Council and is designed for communities where providers of shelter and other services can come together, learn about and discuss the issues, and plan individual and collaborative solutions. The guide is not intended to be a step-by-step "how-to" manual for setting up shelter services, but rather aims to provide tools and support to help shelter providers respond more effectively to the health needs of residents. Go to [www.nhchc.org/shelterhealth.html](http://www.nhchc.org/shelterhealth.html) to view the guide. ■

## Poverty Down 50 Percent By 2017?

**T**hirty-seven million people live below the federal poverty line. A family is considered poor if the family's income is below \$19,917, far less than what most people need to get by, especially considering the cost of housing. On April 25, the Center for American Progress released *From Poverty to Prosperity: A National Strategy to Cut Poverty in Half*. This report was the work of a task force on poverty, co-chaired by Peter Edelman of the Georgetown University Law Center and Angela Glover Blackwell, Founder and CEO of PolicyLink. The report recommended twelve strategies to cut poverty in half in ten years, including promoting decent work, providing opportunity for all, ensuring economic security, and helping people build wealth. The report calls for substantially expanding the earned income tax credit and child tax credit, raising the minimum wage index to half the average hourly wage, creating two million "opportunity" housing vouchers, and many other key steps.

The full report may be found at [www.americanprogress.org/issues/2007/04/poverty\\_report.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2007/04/poverty_report.html) ■

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☞ providing incentives to fund strategies that are research based and cost effective, like rapid re-housing programs for families and permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless people;

☞ addressing the needs of households who are doubled up or living in precarious housing situations by providing prevention and re-housing assistance to prevent them from ever becoming homeless; and

☞ allowing communities that are successfully reducing homelessness to focus more of their resources on homelessness prevention.

**For the full analysis,** go to [www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/1652](http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/1652) and click on the link under McKinney-Vento Reauthorization Analysis. ■

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permanent housing. If the client is homeless, options for transitioning from an emergency housing situation into permanent housing are explored; the client can apply for Project NOW Transitional Housing for single women, youth, or families for up to 24 months or Project NOW Affordable Permanent Housing. Also, referrals are made to other transitional or permanent housing resources in the community.

Housing coupled with Supportive Services or Case Management has proven to be the most effective approach in the community for helping individuals and families out of homelessness. Case Managers visit the clients in their homes weekly and follow the guidance of the Family and Community Development (FCD) program to help clients set goals toward “self-sufficiency” in all areas of life. Employment, money management, and health care issues are main focal points in the program; however barriers to achieving success in those areas such as transportation, education, life skills, day care, mental illness and substance abuse are also addressed.

Follow-up services are provided for up to 6 months after exiting the Transitional Housing program. At Project NOW, outcomes for people moving from Transitional Housing to Permanent Housing and maintaining Permanent Housing far exceed the national standards. Overall in Fiscal Year 2006, Project NOW saw 75 percent of Transitional Housing participants move into Permanent Housing, and 83 percent maintained permanent housing for at least 6 months post-exit.

### Future Outlook

Project NOW Inc. Homeless Services is currently funded by Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), the United Way of the Quad Cities, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other local funders. Through the years, funding diversity has become more important as resources have become more scarce and match requirements have become more stringent. Project NOW’s involvement in the 15-county wide Northwestern Illinois Continuum of Care has been valuable in terms of funding opportunities for the region as well as connections to a strong network

of service providers and stakeholders working together to access resources and provide services.

Although existing programs are strong, with a January 2007 count of 600 homeless individuals in the Northwestern Illinois Continuum of Care region, there is much more work to be done. Additional creation of permanent affordable housing is essential in our community, and although new housing has appeared through the years, the need for affordable housing continues to increase. Partnership with local Continua of Care and advocacy or technical assistance groups such as Housing Action Illinois and Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is important for continued development in the Homeless Services field.

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### Board

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☞ **Our best idea: Form a “One Hour Recruiting Task Force.”** Draw up a list of twenty well-connected people of the sort you would want on the board but who you suspect wouldn’t join, (but who might know someone who would be a good board member.) Call those twenty people and ask them to come to one meeting of the Task Force committee over lunch (confess it will actually take an hour-and-a-half). Tell them that at the lunch they’ll be told more about the organization and what it’s looking for in board members. At the end of lunch they’ll be asked simply for the name of one person they think would be a good board member.

The Task Force is disbanded. The day after the lunch call up each of the nominees and begin by explaining who nominated them.

☞ **Promote from the ranks:** Ask the executive director or the volunteer coordinator if there are two or three hands-on volunteers who would make good board members. Hands-on volunteers, such as support group facilitators, practical life support volunteers, volunteer ushers, weekend tree-planters, classroom aides and others bring both demonstrated commitment *and* an intimate knowledge of the organization’s strengths and weaknesses. Volunteers, donors and clients should be the first place you

look. You don’t have to “sell” the agency - they know it already!

☞ **Board Member Swap:** Pick four local organizations where you don’t know anyone, but you’d like to (examples: NAACP, Japanese American Citizens League, Accountants for the Public Interest, community hospital). (Tip: Your local Yahoo site ([www.yahoo.com/](http://www.yahoo.com/)) is a good place to look for lists under “Community.”) Ask each officer to call one of the four local organizations and ask to have coffee with one of their leaders. Over coffee suggest that your two organizations recommend “retiring” board members to each other as a way of establishing organizational links and strengthening ties among communities. ■

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### Applications

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The different agencies accept different applications, so you need to know not only which application to use, but also which agency uses a particular application, and what the agency will do if it receives the wrong application.

It is also important to know when an application is considered a completed application. To be considered an official *application*, it must contain the name, address and signature of the applicant. The application has to be legible. If an application that is faxed is illegible IDHS is to fax the application back to the fax number listed.

The correct application date is very important, since IDHS is required to determine eligibility for programs within specific timeframes. The application date is the first workday the correct office receives the application before 5:00 p.m. There are a few variations to this:

☞ When an application is accepted by ORS Counselors for applicants or recipients of Vocational Rehabilitation or Blind Services, the date of the application is the date it was accepted at the ORS office.

☞ When an application is received from a All Kids Application Agent the application date is the date it is signed.

☞ A faxed application received before 5:00 PM on a workday is dated the date it is received. When the application is faxed after 5:00 PM or on a weekend or holiday, the date of the application is the first workday after it is received in the office.

☞ When an incorrect office receives a complete application, it is to be sent to the correct office no later than the next workday after it is received. The date of application is the date the correct office receives the application.

☞ The date a FS application taken by SSA is the date it was accepted at a Social Security Office. If the person applies for FS through

Social Security while still in an institution, then the application date is the date the person is being released from the institution.

**Next month:** The Interview

*The DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization focused on advocacy and planning in*

*DuPage County, Illinois and designer and trainer of Making the Connection: A Guide to Accessing Public Benefits. The DuPage Federation is affiliated with Northern Illinois University, Regional Development Institute. Questions can be directed to knelson@dupagefederation.org or cking@dupagefederation.org*

Applications Available	Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)	Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
<b>Mail-in Combined Application Form (CAF), Request for Cash Assistance - Medical Assistance - Food Stamps Form 2378B</b> Available on-line at: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.il.us">www.dhs.state.il.us</a>	This is a multi-purpose application. Requests can be made to apply for cash, medical or Food Stamps. This application is also used to apply for the Expedited or Emergency Food Stamps. An interview at the local IDHS is required (unless a phone interview is specifically requested) and will be scheduled within 14 days of receipt of the application.	If HFS receives this application, they will forward it to the IDHS office that serves the address listed on the application.
<b>Mail-in Application for Medical Benefits Form 2378H</b>	This application is a mail-in application for ONLY Medicaid/All Kids. It is usually used by a hospital, long term care facility, or supportive living facility. No in office interview will be scheduled if this application is received. Since this is a "medical ONLY" application, a separate application will need to be completed if you want to receive Food Stamps.	If HFS receives this application, they will forward it to the IDHS office that serves the address.
<b>All Kids Application Form 2378KC</b>	Mail-in medical application for any Family Care/All Kids programs. If the child is ineligible for All Kids Assist, this application is forwarded by IDHS to HFS to determine eligibility for All Kids Share, Premium or Level 2-8.	HFS will determine eligibility for all of the All Kids programs using this form. If eligible for All Kids Assist, HFS will send the case record to the IDHS office for ongoing service.
<b>Application for Payment of Medicare Premiums, Deductibles and Coinsurances Form 2378M</b>	Application to request payment for Medicare cost sharing and premium payment. If this application is used, no interview is scheduled. The individual only has to verify Medicare enrollment. <b>Eligibility for Medicaid benefits are not determined if this application is used.</b> If the person wants Medicaid as well as the payment of the Medicare costs, then the 2378B or 2378H has to be completed.	HFS will forward this application to IDHS.
<b>Family Health Plan/All Kids Application Form 2378KC</b>	Mail-in medical application for Family Health Plans. A separate application needs to be done if requesting cash and Food Stamps.	Mail-in medical application for all Family Health Plans including All Kids.
<b>Family Health Plan/All Kids Application Form 2378MC</b>	Medical application for Family Health Plans used by All Kids Application Agents	Medical application for Family Health Plans used by All Kids Application Agents
<b>Application for Medical Assistance - Short Form Form 2431</b>	This application is only for persons who were in spenddown status within the last 4 months prior to the month of application and were centrally canceled due to not meeting the spenddown obligation. It is call the "Short Form Application".	HFS will forward this application to IDHS.
<b>Moms &amp; Babies – Healthy Start (Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility - MPE) Form 3089</b>	Mail-in application used by qualified MPE providers to provide short term immediate health coverage. If sent with at 2378MC/KC eligibility will be determined for ongoing medical. If sent with a 2378B ongoing determination can include assessment for cash and Food Stamps.	Mail-in application used by qualified MPE providers to provide short term immediate health coverage. If received with a regular 2378 MC/KC, ongoing eligibility will be determined.
<b>Application for Food Stamps Form 683</b>	Used if the person wants to apply only for Food Stamp benefits. If a person fills out this application and sends it to the IDHS office, the caseworker will only assess eligibility for Food Stamps. If this is the application that is completed and the person later wants to request Cash and/or Medical benefits, these can be added during the interview process but the application date for these benefits is the date the benefit is actually requested.	HFS will forward this application to the local IDHS office.
<b>Food Stamp -SSI Households Form 3165</b>	Social Security offices use this application when an SSI household wants to apply for Food Stamps. SSA then forwards the application to IDHS to determine eligibility. SSA will not do the application if the person already receives FS; or has applied for FS in the past 30 days; or has a pending FS application.	HFS will forward this application to the IDHS office that serves the address.

## Private Resources

by **Pamela M. Salela**, Coordinator, Central Illinois Nonprofit Resource Center  
telephone: 217-206-6633 - email: psale2@uis.edu - url: [library.uis.edu/findinfo/grants/index.html](http://library.uis.edu/findinfo/grants/index.html)

### Leo Burnett Company Charitable Foundation

35 W. Wacker Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60601-1608  
Telephone: (312)220-5959  
Contact: Chris Kimball

**Type of Grantmaker:** Company sponsored foundation

**Total giving (2004):** \$547,261

**Purpose and activities:** The foundation supports organizations involved with education, health, human services, urban community development, economically disadvantaged people, and homeless people. **Areas of interest:** Arts; Economically disadvantaged; Education; Health care; Higher education; **Homeless;** **Homeless,** Human services; Urban/community development. **Types of Support:** Not specified. **Geographic focus:** National (and their history bears this out). **Limitations:** Giving on a national basis. No grants to individuals. **Application information:** Application form not required. Initial approach: Proposal. Board meets biannually. No deadlines specified.

### McCormick Tribune Foundation

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Chicago, IL 60611-4025  
Telephone: (312)222-3512  
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URL: [www.mccormicktribune.org](http://www.mccormicktribune.org)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Public charity  
**Total Giving (2005):** \$95,644,623  
**Purpose and activities:** One of the objectives of the foundation is to improve the social and economic

environment and to stimulate responsible citizenship. **Fields of interest:** Children/youth, services; Community development; Economically disadvantaged; **Homeless,** human services; **Housing/shelter, development;** Human services. **Geographic focus:** Chicago area **Types of support:** Building/renovation; Conferences/seminars; Continuing support; Curriculum development; Employee matching gifts; General/operating support; Matching/challenge support; Program development; Program evaluation; Program-related investments/loans; Research; Seed money; Technical assistance. **Limitations:** Chicago area via Communities Program **Application information:** See Web site [www.mccormicktribune.org/communities/communities.aspx](http://www.mccormicktribune.org/communities/communities.aspx) for application information and program description.

### Help America Foundation, Ltd.

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5625 W. 115th St.  
Alsip, IL 60803  
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Contact: Linda "DC" Curry,  
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E-mail: [DCCurry@athome.com](mailto:DCCurry@athome.com)  
URL: [www.helpamericafoundation.org/](http://www.helpamericafoundation.org/)

**Type of grantmaker:** Independent foundation.  
**Total Giving (2005):** \$193,639  
**Purpose and activities:** The foundation provides volunteer and financial aid to organizations that support the poor and underprivileged, needy and/or homeless Americans including men, women, children and veterans of war. **Fields of interest:** Christian agencies &

churches; Disasters, fire prevention/control; Health care; Health organizations; **Housing/shelter, homeless;** Human services; Military/veterans' organizations; Safety/disasters. **Geographic focus:** National (history of giving bears this out). **Limitations:** Giving on a national basis. No grants to individuals. **Application information:** See foundation Web site for downloadable application form.

### Full Circle Foundation

P.O. Box 387  
Richmond, IL 60071-0387  
Contact: Russell Foszcz, V.P.  
E-mail: [grants@fullcircleinc.org](mailto:grants@fullcircleinc.org)

**Type of grantmaker:** Independent foundation.  
**Total Giving (2005):** \$130,500  
**Fields of interest:** Education; Environment, natural resources; Health organizations; **Housing/shelter, development;** Human services. **Geographic focus:** National **Types of support:** General/operating support. **Limitations:** Giving on a national basis with emphasis on Illinois. No support for religious organizations. No grants to individuals. **Application information:** Application form required. Each form is coded specifically for the grantee making the request, so do not duplicate and share applications else you will risk having the proposal rejected completely. Initial approach: Letter or e-mail. Only one copy of proposal need be submitted. Board meets on December 15. Proposal application deadline is November 1. Final notification takes place within 60 days. ■



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<http://www.communitychange.org>

## Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

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Washington, DC 20002  
Ph: (202) 408-1080  
Fax: (202) 408-1056  
<http://www.cbpp.org>

## Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

1325 S. Wabash, Suite 205  
Chicago, IL 60605  
Telephone: (312) 435-4548  
Fax: (312) 435-0198  
<http://www.enteract.com/~cch/index.htm>

## Coalition of Citizens With Disabilities in Illinois

300 E. Monroe, Suite 100  
Springfield, IL 62701  
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Fax: (217) 522-7024  
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## Housing Assistance Council

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<http://www.ruralhome.org>

## Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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Springfield, IL 62703  
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<http://www.ilcadv.org>

## Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness

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## Illinois Community Action Association

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## Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

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## Illinois Department of Human Services

Homeless Services and Supportive  
Housing  
400 W. Lawrence, 2C  
Springfield, IL 62762  
Telephone: (217) 782-1317  
Fax: (217) 524-6029  
<http://www.state.il.us/agency/dhs/>

## Illinois Food Bank Association

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Springfield, IL 62791  
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## Illinois Housing Development Authority

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## National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

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Fax: (202) 546-2063  
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## National Coalition for the Homeless

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Washington, DC 20005-3406  
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## National Community Reinvestment Coalition

727 15th St., NW, #900  
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Telephone: (202) 628-8866  
Fax: (202) 628-9800

## National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty

918 F Street NW #412  
Washington DC 20004  
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## National Low-Income Housing Coalition & National Low Income Housing Information Service

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## National Rural Housing Coalition

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## Supportive Housing Providers Association

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