RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for REACH
"Homeless Management Information System - Data"
Reviewed by the Stable Housing and Supports Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- Funding from this project was used to hire a part time person to enter and maintain our HMIS data base.
- The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a HUD requirement, the platform allows the user to enter contact information and demographics for the people they serve.
- The system is designed to provide information on where people are accessing service, services provided, case notes, demographics and improve communication with partnering agencies to provide useful tools to our unhoused community members and helps to reduce the rate of redundancy.
- Over the past year REACH has connected with over 600 unique individuals.
- We engage with clients approximately 400 times per month, each engagement is documented, and services provided are entered into the system.
- Through this data management system, we can ensure that clients are connected to service providers and highlight the point of contacts for each person and the services provided to each individual.
- It is our role to create a trusting, safe environment on which to build these relationships.
- Funding is a concern in any business or nonprofit,
- HMIS helps our region to highlight the need of services based on the data compiled in the HMIS database.

Quote:

"We encourage people to find their voice at a time in their life that silence and invisibility is all they seek, our hope is that at the end of the day we show a person the value they. have in this world and that they deserve to be treated with worth, respect and dignity. This becomes the foundation on which to grow, the stability to seek change. I was once told that we are all broken and the cracks remind us of how broken we are, but what if those cracks allow the light to filter in. You count."