

# PERRY COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PLAN 2026-2027

## Appendix B County Human Services Plan Template

The County Human Services Plan (Plan) is to be submitted using the template outlined below. It is to be submitted in conjunction with Appendices A and C (C-1 or C-2, as applicable) to the Department of Human Services (DHS) as instructed in the Bulletin 2026-01.

### INTRODUCTION

This Human Services Block Grant (HSBG) plan is submitted on behalf of the Perry County Board of Commissioners and represents input from the Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program (C-P MH.IDD), Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission (C-P D&A), Perry Human Services, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #49. The plan was developed in collaboration with these agencies and the Perry County Family Services Partnership Board.

Perry County is a joinder with Cumberland County for the Mental Health, Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services and the Drug and Alcohol Commission. In December 1967, a joint Mental Health & Mental Retardation program was established with the Boards of County Commissioners of Cumberland and Perry Counties in compliance with the Mental Health & Mental Retardation Act of 1966. The agency now known as Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program (C-P MH.IDD) operates as a department of Cumberland County government and serves residents of Cumberland and Perry Counties in need of those treatment services and rehabilitative supports. Initially, the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission was a part of the MH.IDD program, and in 1980, became a separate agency, continuing with the county joinder arrangement. For these services, coordinated planning is ongoing between the two counties with service providers, individuals, family members, other County Human Services, and Commissioners evaluating current services, need areas, and how best to meet the needs of the residents of Cumberland and Perry Counties. We are committed to ensuring this successful joinder arrangement maintains as it has provided opportunities for residents from both counties that would not have been afforded otherwise. As per the plan directive, narratives and information related to those joinder services are found in the Cumberland County (CC) Human Services Block Grant Plan.

### **PART I: COUNTY PLANNING PROCESS** (Limit of 3 pages)

Describe the county planning and leadership team and the process utilized to develop the Plan for the expenditure of human services funds by answering each question below.

1. Please identify, as appropriate, the critical stakeholder groups, including:
  - a. Individuals and their families
  - b. Consumer groups
  - c. Providers of human services

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- d. Partners from other systems involved in the county's human services system.

The Perry County Family Service Partnership Board serves as the focal point for Plan development in Perry County. Established in 1995 under the direction of the Perry County Commissioners in response to the Family Service System Reform (FSSR) initiative, the Partnership Board is a collaboration of family service customers, local government, schools, human service agencies, public health and local community representatives. The Partnership Board believes that our county will be an environment that enhances the well-being of all members of the community. The mission of the Partnership Board is to assist and empower communities to invest in solutions to meet their own needs. Various Community and Human Service agencies and County Commissioners participate in monthly meetings to share information and discuss needs, solutions and outcomes. Board meeting participants include representatives from:

- Adoption services
- Aging services
- Area Churches
- Child & Family services
- Child care services
- Community Ministry services
- Community Partnership agencies
- Commuter & Transportation services
- Council of the Arts
- County Commissioners
- County School Districts
- Domestic Violence services
- Early Education services
- Early Intervention services
- Employment & Vocational services
- Food Bank Ministries
- Home health agencies
- Hospice agencies
- Housing & Homelessness services
- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities services
- Law Enforcement
- Legal services
- Literacy council
- Long Term Care services
- Mental Health service providers
- Parenting Networks
- Physical & Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations
- Physical Health Disabilities services
- Probation office
- Public libraries
- Social services
- State Representatives' office
- State Senators' office
- Substance Use Disorder services
- Veterans' services
- Wellness services

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Stakeholder input occurs from all of the agencies, organizations, and services mentioned. Most participants are also community members who strive to improve their local communities.

The Perry Health Coalition involves many of the previously mentioned stakeholders and has several initiatives to address community needs in Perry County. Access to primary care, dental and mental health providers in order to improve health outcomes for those living in the county is the primary need according to the community residents. The Perry County Health Coalition's work moving forward will continue to focus on these areas.

Stakeholder input also occurs through the monthly Cumberland & Perry Mental Health Community Support Program (CSP) meetings as well as Cumberland & Perry Child & Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP). Please see the Cumberland County (CC) plan for more information on the planning processes for our jointer services. Many program committees include stakeholders as well to ensure consumer voice and participation in the planning process.

Perry County Plan of Safe Care (POSC) is required by federal and state law under Act 54 and has taken the place of the Perry County Integrated Children's meeting. POSC consists of a cross-system committee who meet to provide support for infants that are born affected by substance use or withdraw symptoms that result from prenatal drug exposure or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD). The plan is to improve the safety, early childhood development and well-being of the infant and their caregivers. The plans are individualized and multigenerational with the intention of connecting the infant and family to multidisciplinary resources and supports. The Perry County Plan of Safe Care Team partners to ensure that infants born affected by substances and their caregivers receive needed treatment which begins with early identification through appropriate screening and assessments.

The multidisciplinary teams (MDT) consist of staff from:

- Children & Youth
- Early Intervention
- Drug and Alcohol
- Mental Health
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Maternal Assistance Program – Penn State Health Holy Spirit
- PA State Health Nurse
- Tri-County Community Action

Additional stakeholders are regularly involved in the overall human service planning process as a function of ongoing collaboration. Service needs and system enhancements with regard to human service planning are discussed at the following regular meetings, many of which involve individuals, family members, and various community service agencies:

- Perry County Family Partnership Board meetings
- Perry County Health Coalition and Behavioral Health Task Force
- Perry County LINK to Aging & Disability Resources meetings
- Cumberland-Perry Housing Initiative (CPHI) meetings
- Perry Housing Task Force meetings
- Cumberland & Perry Counties' CASSP Core Teams
- Perry County Plan of Safe Care meetings

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- Cumberland-Perry Community Support Program (CSP) meetings
- NAMI PA-Cumberland-Perry Counties' discussions
- Cumberland & Perry MH Provider and Base Service Unit (BSU) meetings
- Behavioral Health Managed Care committee meetings including Quality Improvement/Utilization Management (QI/UM), Clinical, Reinvestment Planning and Consumer & Family Focus Committee (CFFC) with our behavioral health partners - Capital Area Behavioral Health Collaborative (CABHC) & PerformCare
- Regional Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) Collaborative meeting
- CIT Steering Committee meetings
- Cumberland & Perry MH.IDD Advisory Board meetings
- Student Assistance Program Education Council Meetings

Information for the Human Services Plan is gathered continuously throughout the year via these collaborative and joint planning processes.

2. Please describe how these stakeholders were provided with an opportunity for participation in the planning process, including information on outreach and engagement efforts.

Information is discussed and gathered through the numerous committees and community meetings previously mentioned throughout the year. Many of these meetings are open forums. Individuals with lived experience, family members, and providers are strongly encouraged to participate through notifications via newsletters, emails, listservs, and social media. Many program committees include stakeholders as well to ensure voice and participation by those with lived experience in the planning process. Utilization of virtual platforms such as ZOOM and TEAMS have allowed for expanded access and participation for many stakeholders. Public Hearings were also held, and Legal Notices issued to make others aware of these opportunities to give input into the planning process. In addition, notifications and documents are posted on various county websites to support wide dissemination of information.

3. Please list the advisory boards that participated in the planning process.

As previously stated, the Perry County Family Service Partnership Board serves in an advisory capacity to numerous participating human service and community agencies within Perry County. The chief role of this collaborative board is to identify community needs and discuss strategies to address those needs as well as serve as a clearinghouse for information and as a collaborative entity for future program planning.

In addition, two of the human service departments impacted by this block grant (MH.IDD and D&A) hold regularly scheduled community advisory board committee meetings that are open to the public.

County Commissioner representatives from both counties participate on the Cumberland-Perry MH.IDD Advisory Board. This Advisory Board is comprised of individuals from the community who represent various professional disciplines including religion, social work, education, aging, employment, and medical field including a physician, a nurse, and a neuropsychologist. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is also represented on this advisory board as is a family member of an IDD consumer and a consumer in mental health recovery. Representatives are identified from both counties and are appointed by the Board of Commissioners of their respective county. Various stakeholders including individuals, family members, and providers also

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attend and participate in the monthly advisory committee meetings which provide consumer voice and participation in the planning process.

The Boards of County Commissioners of Cumberland and Perry Counties select volunteers representing various community and geographic interests to serve on the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission Community Advisory Board. There are eight board representatives from Cumberland County and seven representatives from Perry County. The Drug and Alcohol Commission Community Advisory Board meets every other month. All of these meetings are open to the public. The responsibility of this group of 15 appointed members is to plan and oversee the delivery of public-funded drug and alcohol services in the counties, which includes coordination and collaboration with other county-managed human services.

The Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank has a board of directors which meets regularly to provide oversight of and input to the program. The Food Bank is a stand-alone non-profit organization.

4. Please describe how the county intends to use funds to provide services to its residents in the least restrictive setting appropriate to their needs. The response must specifically address providing services in the least restrictive setting.

The County intends to use allocated funds to provide services to its residents in the least restrictive settings appropriate to individuals' needs. A major value that cuts across all the County-managed human services is an emphasis on building a broad range of community-based treatment and support services that reduce the need for and reliance upon more restrictive (and costly) residential, inpatient, and institutional programs.

For more than two decades, a guiding principle in our local human service planning has been to develop networks of care that will allow County residents to access appropriate services while retaining as much self-sufficiency as possible in the community. This approach applies to the recipients of all the human services described in this and the CC plan: individuals and families with mental health needs, citizens with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, persons in recovery from a substance use disorder, youth (including juvenile offenders), individuals who are homeless, older citizens, and individuals with physical disabilities. Specific examples of this programmatic philosophy can be found within each human service area in this and the CC plan. Each program has an array of services available to residents and various processes to determine the most appropriate level of care to meet the individuals' and families' needs.

Our priority is to continue providing community-based services that meet those needs. Each program and/or service develops its own budget and determines expenditures based on the allocation of funds and needs of each program and those accessing services. Each department/service reviews available data to determine the budget and anticipated expenditure of the state allocated funds.

5. Please describe any substantial programmatic and funding changes being made as a result of last year's outcomes.

The priority for funding is to sustain the current infrastructure of community-based services as much as possible. However, if our financial allocations cannot meet the needs of the community, we would determine where budgetary and programmatic cuts would be necessary.

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As stated in the CC plan, Cumberland County continues to sustain significant population growth, similar or greater than other counties in the central and southeastern tier of the state. After years of collaborative work to provide education across many stakeholder groups regarding the need for adequate base funding for mental health services, \$650,000 in program cuts were needed during FY24-25 to attempt to balance the MH budget. Effective July 1, 2025, an additional \$1.2 million in program cuts were instituted with an additional \$800,000 projected needing cut for FY26-27. The concern is the negative impact these cuts will have on the individuals served, their families, contracted service providers, their parts of the human services system, and the community as a whole. The priority for funding is to sustain the current infrastructure of community-based services as much as possible. County staff, providers, and stakeholders continue to have discussions on measures to take to decrease costs while maintaining needed services, despite the lack of any substantial budget increases.

The Regional Emergency Behavioral Health Crisis Walk in Center and mobile crisis program opened in December of 2024 as a newly licensed crisis program to serve Cumberland, Perry, and Dauphin Counties. A goal of the crisis walk-in center is to reduce the reliance on emergency departments for individuals in a mental health crisis. Due to a lack of funding, the youth (14-17) stabilization unit was closed June 2, 2026. Youth are still able to receive services through the walk-in center from 7AM – 7PM. Mobile crisis' hours of operation were reduced from 24/7 to 7:00AM – 12:30AM operating with a two-shift model. Each shift is staffed by one team with the shifts overlapping based on utilization review. Without an increase in funding coming from both the state and other revenue sources the future of the walk-in center is uncertain.

In late 2023, Cumberland & Perry counties' MH Office was notified that we had a successful proposal to develop a Regional Long Term Structured Residence (LTSR) with neighboring Franklin & Fulton Counties' MH Program. Funds for this project have been annualized, however there is no cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) as part of the allocation. Due to various DEP regulations this project has yet to break ground, and the building costs are anticipated to be higher than originally projected. There is awareness that in a few years, new programs will operate with deficits due to the lack of COLA on appropriations. The builder is hoping to break ground in June 2026 with a projected completion around January 2027.

### **PART II: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Two (2) public hearings are required for counties participating in the Human Services Block Grant. One (1) public hearing is needed for non-block grant counties.

1. Proof of publication;
  - a. Please attach a copy of the actual newspaper advertisement(s) for the public hearing(s).
  - b. When was the ad published?
  - c. When was the second ad published (if applicable)?

\*If other media options were utilized, such as social media, internet, etc., for the public hearing announcement, please attach a copy(screenshot) of the notice, along with the date(s) posted.

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## Announcements

Request for Proposals – Perry County  
Prison Inmate Health Care Services

Request for Qualifications –  
Engineering and Architectural  
Services

Public Meeting Recordings – June 8,  
2026

Scam Jam June 11, 2026

Poll Worker Vacancies

Election Board Meeting Schedule

Human Services Block Grant Plans

Landex Record Alert

Homeless & At Risk Veterans Health  
Clinic

Discover Perry County Pennsylvania

## 2026/2027 Human Services Development Fund – Public Hearing

### Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building – 25 W. Main Street, New Bloomfield PA 17068 on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of public input for distribution of FY 2026/2027 Human Services Development Funds. Requests must comply with the rules and regulations of the funding source. Contact Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk, at 717-582-5110 regarding eligibility requirements.

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A public hearing will be held

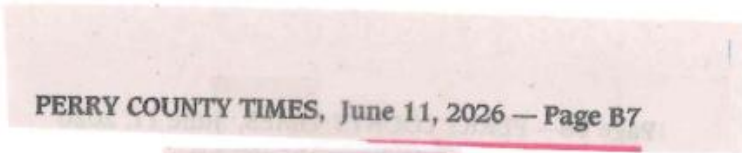
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STATE OF  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }  
COUNTY OF PERRY } SS

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Curtis Dreibelbis, being duly sworn, says:

That he is Publisher of the The News-Sun, Duncannon Record, Perry County Times, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in New Bloomfield, Perry County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:  
June 10, 2026, June 11, 2026



That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

*Curtis L. Dreibelbis*

Publisher

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 11th day of June 2026.

*Laurie S. Hower*

Laurie S. Hower, Notary Public, Juniata County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

My commission expires: August 28, 2027

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal  
Laurie S. Hower, Notary Public  
Juniata County  
My commission expires August 28, 2027  
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NEW BLOOMFIELD , PA 17068

2. Please submit a summary and/or sign-in sheet of each public hearing.

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**NOTE:** The public hearing notice for counties participating in local collaborative arrangements (LCA) should be made known to residents of all counties. Please ensure that the notice is publicized in each county participating in the LCA.

## **PART III: CROSS-COLLABORATION OF SERVICES**

For each of the following, please explain how the county works collaboratively across the human services programs; how the county intends to leverage funds to link residents to existing opportunities and/or to generate new opportunities; identify partners and agencies involved in the provision of services; and provide any updates to the county's collaborative efforts and any new efforts planned for the coming year. (Limit of 4 pages)

1. Employment: Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank works collaboratively around employment opportunities by posting job openings in Perry and Cumberland Counties, offering Literacy Council information which provides GED and training opportunities, and hosting job recruiters.

Perry Human Services connects service recipients with the Perry County Literacy Council, Join Hands Ministry and Tri-County Community Action for assistance in vocational pursuits.

The Perry County Disabled American Veterans office works closely with Join Hands Ministry, New Bloomfield VFW, Eagle House, Perry County Housing Partnership, County Veterans Service Officers (VSO) and Rabbit Transit to access employment opportunities.

Relevant information around employment opportunities and collaborations within the Mental Health or Intellectual Disabilities Programs is also available in Part III of the Cumberland County (CC) plan as those services are a joinder with Perry County.

2. Housing: Perry Human Services (PHS) provides the Homeless Assistance program (HAP) and collaborates regularly with Perry Housing Partnership, Rental Assistance, Join Hands Ministry and Tri-County Community Action to support individuals with housing needs.

HAP case manager collaborates with a variety of other agencies to coordinate numerous other services for the HAP clients. These agencies are utilized as needed:

- Bread of Life Outreach - BOLO
- Domestic Violence Services for C/P Counties
- Join Hands – Collaborative Ministry
- Local landlords
- Local motel managers (Emergency Shelter lodging)
- Perry County Assistance Office
- Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank
- Perry County Office of Aging
- Perry County Rental Assistance Office
- Perry Housing Partnership
- Perry Link to Aging & Disability Resources
- Redevelopment and Housing Authority of Cumberland County
- Social Security Office
- YWCA – Linda House

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Perry County has a community collaborative board, Perry County Family Services Partnership Board. Through monthly meetings (1st Thursday), this board serves as the vehicle for coordinated planning and networking as the County continues to streamline and integrate services. PHS Executive Director is a member of the Perry County Family Services Partnership Board.

With regards to housing, Perry Human Services is the only provider for HAP services in the county.

Regarding Emergency Shelter, Perry Human Services is the initial financial provider for limited emergency shelter money. When those funds are depleted, PHS works with local assistance office, Join Hands and local churches for additional funds.

Subsidized housing or Rental Assistance continues to have a waiting period of a year or more before the client becomes eligible for this program. For our low-income clients who do not receive subsidies, we continually see a shortage of affordable housing.

With limited permanent emergency shelter facility in the county, providing emergency shelter for individuals or families is extremely difficult. Covering costs of a couple nights at a local motel really does not solve the problem. Many people calling for emergency shelter have no resources, including transportation and money, and no action plan for what happens next. Putting them in a motel which has no access to any resources or case management is a major concern. The need for an emergency shelter in Perry County remains a serious issue.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank works collaboratively making referrals for housing to Perry Housing Partnership, Rental Assistance, and the Homeless Assistance Program at Perry Human Services.

Disabled American Veterans has strong connections with the Perry County Housing Partnership, Perry County Food Bank, Join Hands, New Bloomfield VFW, Eagle House, County VSO, and Rabbit Transit to support individuals with their housing needs.

Tri County Community Action (TCCA) provides family development and parenting education through the Perry County Family Center. TCCA also provides OnTrack and Operation HELP utility assistance through PPL, and works closely with the Perry County Food Bank, Perry County Children & Youth Agency, Join Hands Ministry, County Rental Assistance, Senior Services, and Early Education Centers to support individuals and families in gaining and maintaining self-sufficiency, housing, school-readiness, and employment.

Additional information regarding housing collaborations within the joinder services is available in this section of the CC plan as well as the Supportive Housing chart in the Mental Health section of the CC plan.

### **PART IV: HUMAN SERVICES NARRATIVE**

#### **CUMBERLAND PERRY MENTAL HEALTH & INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

In December 1967, a joint Mental Health & Mental Retardation program was established with the Boards of County Commissioners of Cumberland and Perry Counties in compliance with the Mental Health & Mental Retardation Act of 1966. The agency now known as Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and

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Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program (C-P MH.IDD) operates as a department of Cumberland County government and serves residents of Cumberland and Perry Counties in need of those treatment services and rehabilitative supports. The county joinder agreement remains in effect today.

As a joinder with Cumberland County, please refer to the Cumberland County plan for information in these sections as the Perry County Commissioners are in agreement with the information presented for these joint services in the Cumberland County (CC) MH and IDD plans.

### **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES**

The Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission (the Commission) has lead responsibility for planning and administering a continuum of substance use disorder prevention, intervention, and treatment services for Cumberland and Perry County residents. As a result of a longstanding joinder agreement between the Boards of County Commissioners in Cumberland County and Perry County, the Commission operates as a department of Cumberland County government and as one part of a broad system of county human services. The Commission serves as the Single County Authority (SCA) for Cumberland and Perry Counties in fulfillment of state contracts and regulations.

As a joinder with Cumberland County, please refer to the Cumberland County (CC) plan for information in this section as the Perry County Commissioners are in agreement with the information presented for these joint services in the Cumberland County Substance Use Disorder plan.

### **HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES**

DHS encourages Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) partners to participate in their Continuum of Care (CoC). Continuums of Care are regional or local planning bodies that coordinate housing and services funding for families and individuals experiencing homelessness. Please describe the continuum of services to individuals and families within the county who are experiencing homelessness or facing eviction. An individual or family is facing eviction if they have received either written or verbal notification from the landlord that they will lose their housing unless some type of payment is received.

#### **Bridge Housing Services:**

Not provided with HSDF Block Grant Funds. Bridge (Transitional) Housing in Perry County is provided by Perry Housing Partnership which utilizes other funding sources for its transitional housing.

#### **Case Management:**

- Please describe the case management services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families at risk or experiencing homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.

Case Management is provided by Perry Human Services (PHS) to clients seeking help who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Beginning with the intake process, case management provides a series of coordinated activities to assist individuals and families to prevent the reoccurrence of homelessness. The level and extent of case management varies with each client and continues through discharge. Case management also includes follow-up with clients who have been discharged. The case manager attempts a two-month follow-up with clients who

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completed an intake but were not eligible for a rental assistance grant. For clients receiving a rental assistance grant, the case manager contacts the client's landlord or client for a six-month follow-up to assess whether the individual/family continues housing stabilization.

PHS Case Manager works with the clients on budgeting. This can occur through individual budgeting sessions or through a group budgeting class. All clients requesting financial help with rent or security deposit are required to attend either individual or group budgeting sessions before being approved for a housing grant. This service has been very beneficial for our clients in providing instruction on financial management, including the use of credit cards and budgeting skills.

- How does the county evaluate the efficacy of case management services? Please provide a brief summary of case management services results.

As of April 2026, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, 30 intakes have been completed using case management services, and 15 rental assistance grants have been awarded.

A two-month follow-up phone contact was made by a housing case manager to 14 intakes. For those 14 clients, all reported being stable housing, whether that means living with family/friends or in their own place. 10 reported owing back rent, 4 were living with friends or family.

- Please describe any proposed changes to case management services for FY 26-27.

For this year we believe there will be an increase in case management service hours. Our agency continued to experience some changes in case management staffing this past fiscal year. Because of the changes, many calls were missed and/or fell through the cracks. We continue maintaining an agreement with Join Hands Ministry to offer budgeting classes to clients. Clients may be required to attend said budgeting classes to receive services. With review of the 25-26 stats, we anticipate that the need for payee services will continue to require additional case management hours throughout the 26-27 fiscal year.

- If case management services are not offered, please provide an explanation of why services are not offered. N/A

### **Rental Assistance:**

- Please describe the rental assistance services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families experiencing or at risk for homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.

Rental Assistance provides payment for rents and/or security deposits to prevent and/or end homelessness or near homelessness for individuals/families who qualify for grants.

Perry Human Services defines "resident" as an individual or family who has been living in the county for a minimum of six months. The length of time a client will remain in the program will depend on immediate needs and client participation in the development and follow-through of a case plan to resolve identified issues leading to housing problems. The plan, goals, support

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services and client action steps are developed with the client. The outcome is for client to achieve housing stabilization.

Requests for rental assistance are made to Perry Human Services to avoid duplication of services and to provide more comprehensive planning. PHS case manager works closely with local agencies to centralize the process for emergency shelter and housing assistance to Perry County residents.

Community service agencies that PHS case manager collaborates with for clients includes but is not limited to Perry County Assistance Office, Rental Assistance Office, Perry Housing Partnership, Social Security Administration, County Mental Health/Intellectual Developmental Disabilities programs, Join Hands Ministries, and other social service agencies offering supportive services. Since clients are referred by agencies and landlords to Perry Human Services, it is important to maintain ongoing communication within this network.

As previously discussed in the Case Management section, rental assistance clients are required to participate in either individual budgeting sessions to receive a rental assistance grant. Case manager also conducts a two-month follow-up contact for rental assistance clients not receiving a grant and a six-month follow-up for clients who receive a grant.

Verification of need occurs at the intake process. Client income eligibility will be at or below 200% of the poverty guidelines. The maximum amount a client may receive will be \$1000 for adult households or \$1500 for families with children within a 24-month period. Client financial participation is encouraged, and each client will be individually assessed as to his/her ability to assist with the financial obligations towards security deposit or rent. Any assistance from a public source to assist the client with rent or security deposit will be included. Rental Assistance funds will only be used for rent or security deposits. Checks will be disbursed directly to the landlord upon application approval. Repeat clients will be addressed and reviewed on an individual basis by the case manager and Executive Director. Approval for partial or maximum assistance will then be at the discretion of the Executive Director. Section 8 and subsidized housing clients may be served if they complete and meet the application requirements and have approval by the Executive Director. The intake process includes verification of eviction and documentation that shows the landlord's willingness to continue to rent to the client while the HAP application is being processed.

- How does the county evaluate the efficacy of rental assistance services? Please provide a brief summary of rental assistance services results.

As of April 2026, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, 30 intakes have been completed using case management and 15 rental assistance grants have been awarded.

- Please describe any proposed changes to rental assistance services for FY 26-27.

There are no proposed changes to rental assistance services for FY 26-27.

- If rental assistance services are not offered, please provide an explanation of why services are not offered. N/A

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## Emergency Shelter:

- Please describe the emergency shelter services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families at risk or experiencing homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.

This service assists individuals and families who are homeless and in immediate need of emergency housing. Perry County does not have a permanent emergency shelter. The Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) allows Perry Human Services to cover the cost of a room at a local motel for homeless individuals and families for a limited amount of nights.

Because HAP funds have been reduced significantly over the past several years, ESP funds have also been reduced significantly and are very limited. All clients requesting emergency shelter are screened as to their immediate need and whether other emergency living arrangements are available. Emergency Shelter is limited to no more than seven consecutive days unless exception request approved by DHS.

Individuals with income are expected to pay as much of the cost as possible. Those who are without resources are assisted in acquiring increased financial stability. PHS may work with these individuals with the long-range goal of permanent housing and a stable environment. Emergency shelter clients may be referred to the Perry Housing Partnership for Transitional Housing and/or other shelters outside the county.

- How does the county evaluate the efficacy of emergency shelter services? Please provide a brief summary of emergency shelter services results.

For 2025-2026, as of April 2026, 0 emergency screenings were completed, via phone or telehealth, and 0 nights of shelter were given.

- Please describe any proposed changes to emergency shelter services for FY 26-27.

Perry Human Services is in the process of looking for suitable accommodations for this service.

- If emergency shelter services are not offered, please provide an explanation of why services are not offered.

Perry Human Services was unable to find a suitable location that was willing to contract with us to provide shelter services.

## Innovative Supportive Housing Services:

- Please describe the other housing supports services offered. Include achievements and improvements in services to families experiencing or at risk for homelessness, as well as unmet needs and gaps.

No Other Housing Supports are provided through HSDF Block Grant funds.

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There is limited Transitional Housing available which is provided through Perry Housing Partnership. HSDF Block Grant Funds are not used in this program.

- How does the county evaluate the efficacy of other housing supports services? Please provide a brief summary of other housing supports services results. N/A
- Please describe any proposed changes to other housing supports services for FY 26-27. N/A
- If other housing supports services are not offered, please provide an explanation of why services are not offered. N/A

### **Homeless Management Information Systems:**

DHS encourages counties and HAP partners to participate in their Continuum of Care (CoC) and for eligible providers to collect and track client-level data and services in their CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS tracks and analyzes the characteristics and service needs of people at-risk or experiencing homelessness.

Please describe the county's utilization of HMIS to include how HAP providers enter data and enrollments into HMIS for any or all components of the program.

Perry Human Services (PHS) HAP case manager has been trained in HMIS, but agency is not currently using HMIS as part of its data collection. PHS continues to utilize this agency's own data collection system.

- Describe any change the county has identified in the service needs of families or individuals experiencing homelessness over the past program year. N/A

### **HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS/ HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND (HSDF)**

Please use the fields and dropdowns to describe how the county intends to utilize HSDF funds on allowable expenditures for the following categories. (Please refer to the HSDF Instructions and Requirements for more detail.)

***Dropdown menu may be viewed by clicking on "Please choose an item." Under each service category.***

Copy and paste the template for each service offered under each categorical, ensuring each service aligns with the service category when utilizing Adult, Aging, Children and Youth, or Generic Services.

***Adult Services: Please provide the following:***

*Program Name:*

*Description of Services:*

*Service Category: Please choose an item.*

***Aging Services: Please provide the following:***

*Program Name:*

*Description of Services:*

*Service Category: Please choose an item.*

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**Children and Youth Services:** Please provide the following:

Program Name:

Description of Services:

Service Category: Please choose an item.

**Generic Services:** Please provide the following:

Program Name:

Description of Services:

Service Category: Please choose an item.

Please indicate which client populations will be served (must select at least **two**):

Adult       Aging       CYS       SUD       MH       ID       HAP

**Specialized Services:** Please provide the following: (Limit 1 paragraph per service description)

Program Name:

Description of Services:

**Interagency Coordination:** (Limit of 1 page)

If the county utilizes funds for Interagency Coordination, please describe how the funding will be utilized by the county for planning and management activities designed to improve the effectiveness of categorical county human services. The narrative should explain both:

- how the funds will be spent (e.g., salaries, paying for needs assessments, and other allowable costs).
- how the activities will impact and improve the human services delivery system.

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## APPENDIX C-1 : BLOCK GRANT COUNTIES HUMAN SERVICES PROPOSED BUDGET AND INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED

<b>Directions:</b>	Using this format, please provide the county plan for allocated human services expenditures and proposed numbers of individuals to be served in each of the eligible categories.
<b>1. ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED</b>	Please provide an estimate in each cost center of the number of individuals to be served. An estimate must be entered for each cost center with associated expenditures.
<b>2. HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE &amp; FEDERAL)</b>	Please enter the county's total state and federal DHS allocation for each program area (MH, ID, HAP, SUD, and HSDF).
<b>3. HSBG PLANNED EXPENDITURES (STATE &amp; FEDERAL)</b>	Please enter the county's planned expenditures for HSBG funds in the applicable cost centers. The Grand Totals for HSBG Planned Expenditures and HSBG Allocation must equal.
<b>4. NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES</b>	Please enter the county's planned expenditures (MH, ID, and SUD only) that are <u>not</u> associated with HSBG funds in the applicable cost centers. <i>This does not include Act 152 funding or SUD funding received from the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.</i>
<b>5. COUNTY MATCH</b>	Please enter the county's planned match amount in the applicable cost centers.
<b>6. OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES</b>	Please enter in the applicable cost centers, the county's planned expenditures not included in the DHS allocation (such as grants, reinvestment, and other non-DHS funding). Completion of this column is optional.
<p>Please use FY 25-26 primary allocations, less any one-time funding and less any federal Medicaid reimbursements. If the county received a supplemental CHIPP/forensic allocation during FY 25-26, include the annualized amount in the FY 26-27 budget. If you would like to include the federal Medicaid reimbursements for more accurate budgeting, please include those amounts in column 6, "Other Planned Expenditures."</p> <p>DHS will request your county to submit a revised budget if, based on the budget enacted by the General Assembly, the allocations for FY 26-27 are significantly different than FY 25-26. In addition, the county should notify DHS and submit a rebudget form via email when funds of 10% or more are moved between program categoricals, (i.e., moving funds from MH Inpatient into ID Community Services).</p>	

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County:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Perry	ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED	HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE & FEDERAL)	HSBG PLANNED EXPENDITURES (STATE & FEDERAL)	NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES	COUNTY MATCH	OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

ACT and CTT	8		\$ 137,844			
Administrative Management	1,635		\$ 842,197		\$ 93,577	
Administrator's Office			\$ 531,152		\$ 59,017	\$ 232,620
Community Employment and Employment Related						
Community Participation Support						
Community Residential Services	104		\$ 5,342,885	\$ 605,000	\$ 794,229	
Community Services	910		\$ 628,927		\$ 69,881	\$ 66,262
Consumer-Driven Services						
Family Based Mental Health Services	2		\$ 20,575			
Family Support Services	84		\$ 148,289		\$ 16,477	
First Episode Psychosis Services						
Housing Support Services	120		\$ 609,686		\$ 35,640	
Intensive Behavioral Health Services						
Mental Health Crisis Intervention	7,192		\$ 1,024,899	\$ 796,126		
Mental Health Procedures Act Commitments	183		\$ 49,623		\$ 5,514	
Other						
Outpatient	5		\$ 5,552		\$ 617	
Partial Hospitalization	1		\$ 2,000			
Peer Support Services						
PATH						
Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization						
Psychiatric Rehabilitation						
Social Rehabilitation Services	209		\$ 696,316		\$ 66,702	
Student Assistance Program Services						
Targeted Case Management	123		\$ 322,865			
Transitional and Community Integration	44		\$ 81,113			
<b>TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>10,620</b>	<b>\$ 10,443,923</b>	<b>\$ 10,443,923</b>	<b>\$ 1,401,126</b>	<b>\$ 1,141,654</b>	<b>\$ 298,882</b>

### INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

Administrator's Office			\$ 1,128,031	\$ 230,200	\$ 14,001	\$ 561,129
Case Management	88		\$ 428,003		\$ 23,983	
Community-Based Services	49		\$ 703,121		\$ 68,581	
Community Residential Services	5		\$ 918,503			
Other						
<b>TOTAL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVICES</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>\$ 3,177,658</b>	<b>\$ 3,177,658</b>	<b>\$ 230,200</b>	<b>\$ 106,565</b>	<b>\$ 561,129</b>

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County:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Perry	ESTIMATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED	HSBG ALLOCATION (STATE & FEDERAL)	HSBG PLANNED EXPENDITURES (STATE & FEDERAL)	NON-BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES	COUNTY MATCH	OTHER PLANNED EXPENDITURES
<i>HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES</i>						
Bridge Housing						
Case Management	182		\$ 27,300			
Rental Assistance	80		\$ 32,325			
Emergency Shelter						
Innovative Supportive Housing Services						
Administration						
<b>TOTAL HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>\$ 59,625</b>	<b>\$ 59,625</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<i>SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES</i>						
Case/Care Management	10		\$ 29,426			
Inpatient Hospital						
Inpatient Non-Hospital	71		\$ 256,561			
Medication Assisted Therapy	7		\$ 45,000			
Other Intervention	15		\$ 7,000			
Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient	20		\$ 46,000			
Partial Hospitalization	1		\$ 2,500			
Prevention	30		\$ 30,000			
Recovery Support Services	20		\$ 57,148			
Administration			\$ 24,000			
<b>TOTAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>\$ 497,635</b>	<b>\$ 497,635</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<i>HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND</i>						
Adult Services						
Aging Services						
Children and Youth Services						
Generic Services						
Specialized Services						
Interagency Coordination						
Administration						
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>11,198</b>	<b>\$ 14,178,841</b>	<b>\$ 14,178,841</b>	<b>\$ 1,631,326</b>	<b>\$ 1,248,219</b>	<b>\$ 860,011</b>