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<b>Initiative:</b>	Healthier Outcomes & Access to Health Care
<b>Project Name:</b>	Mental, Medical and Dental Support Services for Lincoln Parish's Homeless – Year #7
<b>Funding Period:</b>	September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018
<b>Date of Funding:</b>	August 1, 2017
<b>Project Coordinator:</b>	Gloria Mays, Exec. Director – Elisha Ministries, Inc. dba Supportive Housing of Northeast Louisiana
<b>Project Administration:</b>	Elisha Ministries, Inc.
<b>Total Funding Requested:</b>	\$ 28,000

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### **Program Summary**

Elisha Ministries provides services for a total capacity of 14 chronically homeless individuals suffering from a mental illness or a severe disabling condition. Individuals may apply for housing via walk-in, street outreach, internet application, referral from law enforcement, or from a psychiatric hospital. Applicants are screened using SPDAT, a nationally recognized service prioritization decision assistance pre-screening tool which helps Elisha Ministries identify individuals who should receive housing and support intervention. Assistance is provided by Elisha Ministries based on bed availability or when a resident is moved to permanent independent housing.

The purpose of this grant is to provide salary support for Elisha Ministry case managers whose primary responsibility is to assess and plan specific mental, medical, and dental services that may be required for Elisha Ministries' chronically homeless and mentally ill residents. Lincoln Health Foundation's funding support is used by Elisha Ministries exclusively for program residents who originated in Lincoln Parish.

### **Grant Objectives:**

Provide case manager funding support to enable the provision of the following services provided to Elisha Ministry client residents:

1. Provide mental health assessment and planning with case management and psychiatric medication education and support.
2. Provide client physical health assessment, health planning, and case management services.
3. Provide individual treatment planning, including medication management and weekly treatment planning.
4. Employ multidisciplinary team and community referrals for prevention, illness management, and recovery support.