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IBHE Awards \$1.7 Million in Grants to Illinois Institutions to Address Student Homelessness

Grants will help address root causes of homelessness and basic-needs insecurity

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) has awarded \$1.7 million in End Student Housing Insecurity (ESHI) grants to 10 institutions of higher education in Illinois. The funds will be used to support ongoing work at each of the campuses to address systemic causes of homelessness and basic-needs insecurity among students. The state’s higher education strategic plan, [A Thriving Illinois](#), calls for closing equity gaps for students who have been left behind, in part, by addressing student support needs, including housing insecurity.

“No student should have to worry about when they will have their next meal or if they will have a safe place to spend the night,” said IBHE Executive Director Ginger Ostro. “The ESHI grants will allow institutions to continue to remove barriers for housing-insecure students, so they can make the most of their undergraduate experience and focus on their goal of graduating.”

HOUSE Liaisons also serve as a resource for housing-insecure students in Illinois. Each public institution of higher education in Illinois is required to designate a member of staff to serve as a HOUSE Liaison by law. The role of HOUSE Liaison aims to address the needs of homeless students on college and university campuses by serving as an advocate and resource for homeless students and improving the accessibility and affordability of on-campus housing.

Grants were awarded through a competitive application process based on an institution’s ability to reflect a comprehensive plan identifying services and supports needed to address root causes of homelessness and basic-needs insecurity and to overcome barriers to student persistence and completion.

Below is a list of institutions awarded and award amounts.

Institution	Award Amount
Chicago State University	\$200,000
Dominican University	\$200,000
Eastern Illinois University	\$200,000
Governors State University	\$129,169
National Louis University	\$199,908
North Central College	\$129,992
Roosevelt University	\$182,499
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	\$200,000
Trinity Christian College	\$200,000
University of St. Francis	\$96,205

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