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#### **S3 partners receive \$202,000 to provide relief to those experiencing homelessness**

Last week four S3 partners received \$202,000 from the State of North Carolina to provide relief to those experiencing homelessness in Lee County. Outreach Mission Inc., the Salvation Army, Bread of Life Ministry, and H3 (a street medicine program) will each benefit from this funding. All of them will better be able to meet the needs of those who are homeless in the local Sanford, NC area.

S3 Housing Connect has been meeting since 2017. The goal is to bring together the needed resources to create a coordinated approach to ensure that homelessness is a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience. This coordinated effort enables service providers to build a safety net based on the strengths each agency brings to the table while minimizing the duplication of services. This is the first time partners have sought funding as a collaborative project and they were successful.

OMI will serve as the lead agency and fiscal agent for the funding. Hamer Carter, the Executive Director said, "We are excited to be taking the lead with this unique partnership. It is something new that we need to try. We believe that it will pay off for those who need shelter and a place to get back on their feet while they find a permanent home."

Cindy Hall has been a part of S3 since the beginning and is assisting in the H3 street outreach. According to Cindy, "This is such a blessing for our community and the people we see who are in need. We appreciate the City of Sanford's commitment to building this partnership. It has paid off. Their financial support for helping us work together and build our capacity resulted in this award."

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