

CARP, INC.

Supportive Housing

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A noon-time vigil for a \$3.4 million federal program that may die Wednesday due to state inaction is set for the steps of the State Capitol Wednesday, June 30, 1999. The vigil will start at noon and end by 1 P.M.

At stake is a multi-million dollar grant that would enable CARP to reach homeless people who currently fall through the safety net of state and federal programs. If it is saved, the Safe Haven project will provide support regardless of mental illness, substance abuse, and HIV. But barring state action in the next few days, the \$3.4 million federal grant will die Wednesday.

CARP has applied for \$1.6 million in Urban Act Bond Funding as a partial match to the \$3.4 million already committed, and has waited for one full year to be placed on the State Bond Commission's agenda. Without this part of the project financing, the whole project will die. And if the Safe Haven program is lost, then the price will be paid people who are the poorest and most difficult to reach.

CARP leaders are expected to be joined by New Haven community leaders on the Capitol's steps in a last ditch effort to save the program.

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