

## Scattered Site Supportive Housing for Adults with Serious Mental Illness RFPs

### OVERVIEW

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the operation of up to 88 scattered-site supportive housing (SH) units for adults with a serious mental illness (SMI). The RFPs are separated by region and by population. One RFP covers 50 units in New York City for individuals with SMI who were discharged from State Psychiatric Facilities and Article 28 or 31 hospitals; the other RFP covers 38 units in Long Island for SMI individuals who are a part of certain high-need populations.

The NYC RFP is available [here](#); the Long Island RFP is available [here](#). The following summary describes both RFPs, except where otherwise indicated.

### Funding

Funding for SH is a combination of client rent payments (clients are required to pay 30 percent of their net income) and OMH operating funds. Operating funds will be budgeted at the current SH rate, which is \$16,156 in both New York City and Long Island per unit per year. Contracts will last for five years, starting January 2017.

These funds may be used for rent stipends, housing case management services, and contingencies. Only operating funds are available under this RFP; no capital funds are allowed for either purchase or renovation of buildings.

### Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be not-for-profit 501(c)(3) agencies who have experience operating scattered-site supportive housing in NYC or Long Island, as appropriate.

### Eligible Population

SH under these RFPs is available to individuals with SMI. Each allocation has additional requirements:

- **NYC:** A total of 50 units are designated for SMI individuals discharged from State Psychiatric Facilities or Article 28 or 31 hospitals in the regions listed below according to the following breakdown:
  - 15 units for the South Beach Psychiatric Catchment Region;
  - 10 units for the Kingsboro Psychiatric Catchment Region; and
  - 25 units for the Creedmoor Psychiatric Catchment Region.
- **Long Island:** Of the total 38 units, 16 units in Nassau County and 22 units in Suffolk County are designated for individuals with SMI who are:
  - Being discharged from Pilgrim Psychiatric Center (PCP) or PCP residential programs;
  - Being discharged from an Article 28 or Article 31 hospital and in need of housing;
  - High users of Medicaid Services who were referred by Health Homes;
  - Identified through PSYCKES as having had 4 or more admissions/ED visits over the past 12 months;

- Current residents of more service-intensive housing options; or
- Being discharged from a Residential Treatment Facility.

## Application

HRA will review applications on the following criteria:

- Proposal Narrative (40 points);
- Agency's Performance (30 points); and
  - This will include the Bidder's Narrative and an internal OMH review of the bidder's past performance.
- Financial Assessment (30 points).

Awards will be made depending on the allocation, as follows:

- **NYC:** Three awards will be made to the highest-scoring applicants for each of the three specified regions. Applicants may apply to provide SH in some or all of these regions; however no one agency will initially be awarded more than one award. As such, agencies interested in applying for more than one group should rank their bid preferences.
- **Long Island:** Two awards will be made to the highest-scoring applicants: one award in Nassau County and one award in Suffolk County. Awards will be made to the highest-scoring applicants. Applicants may apply to provide SH in either or both counties.

Applicants must receive a minimum average score of 65 to be considered for this RFP.

## Timeline

Proposals are due on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Applicants are required to submit a non-binding letter of intent by October 5<sup>th</sup> to the OMH Issuing Officer, Carol Swiderski, by mail. OMH plans to notify awardees for the Long Island RFP by November 30<sup>th</sup> and for the NYC RFP by December 7<sup>th</sup>, and the projected start date for both RFPs is January 1, 2017.

Questions about the RFPs may be submitted by email at [this link](#) or by fax by October 12<sup>th</sup>. Responses will be posted on the OMH website by October 26<sup>th</sup>.