

RFP: Transition of Existing Supportive Housing for Adults with SMI

OVERVIEW

On April 5th, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for one organization to take over the operation of an existing, fully-occupied 60-unit Community Residence/Single Room Occupancy (CR-SRO) supportive housing program in the Bronx for adults with a serious mental illness (SMI). This program is financed by qualified residential rental project (QRRP) tax-exempt bonds in a Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) partnership structure.

The full RFP is available [here](#).

Funding

Funding for the CR-SRO is a combination of client rent payments (\$6,426 per individual per year) and OMH operating funds (\$14,152 per individual per year) totaling \$20,578 per bed per year. These funds may be used for on-site services/supports and property expenses as follows:

- \$14,166 per bed per year for on-site services and supports; and
- \$6,412 per bed per year for property expenses.

If needed, OMH may allocate additional resources to compensate for debt service costs related to the CR-SRO housing site. Operating contracts will last for five years, starting August 1st.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be not-for-profit 501(c)(3) agencies who have experience in the following areas:

- Operating an OMH-licensed supportive housing program for adults with SMI; and
- Managing a tax-exempt bond-financed LIHTC building.

Eligible Population

Congregate Licensed Housing programs and services developed under this RFP are available to individuals with SMI who are:

- Current residents of NYS OMH Psychiatric Centers or OMH-operated residential programs;
- Being discharged from an Article 28 or Article 31 hospital and in need of housing;
- Transitioning from a more restrictive level of OMH licensed housing;
- Adult Home Remedy Members;
- Being released from a State prison, including the CORP unit at Sing Sing Correctional facility; or
- Under the supervision of the Brooklyn Mental Health Court.

Priority consideration will be given to eligible individuals who have an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) order.

Application

OMH will review applications on the following criteria:

- Population (10 points)
- Housing Development (20 points)
- Housing Implementation (30 points)
- Agency Performance (20 points)
 - This will include the Bidder's Narrative and an internal OMH review of the bidder's past performance operating residential programs over the past two year period.
- Financial Assessment (20 points)

Applicants must receive a minimum average score of 65 to be considered for this RFP. In the case of a tie, the proposal with the highest score on the Housing Implementation section will be ranked higher.

Timeline

Proposals are due on May 22nd. No letter of intent is required. OMH plans to notify successful applicants by June 14th, and the projected start date for the program is August 1st.

Questions about the RFP may be submitted by email at [this link](#) or by fax by April 26th. Responses will be posted on the OMH website by May 8th.