

RFP: Community Residence and Scattered Site Supportive Housing for Adults with SMI

OVERVIEW

On August 7th, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a not-for-profit organization to assume operational responsibility for a 24-bed licensed Community Residence (CR) Program and a 22-bed Scattered Site Supportive Housing (SH) Program in Brooklyn. All housing residents are adult males from the Jewish Orthodox faith with serious mental illness (SMI). The current lease for the CR will not be renewed, so for that program, the new operator will need to find a new location in Brooklyn and go through the Prior Approval Review (PAR) process.

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on September 12th.

FUNDING

While the precise amount of OMH operating funding for the CR Program can only be determined once a new operator is chosen and a new property has been secured, OMH anticipates that gross expenses (excluding property operating costs) will be approximately \$800,000. OMH may allocate additional resources for debt service costs related to the site. Capital funding for the development of a new location for the community residence may also be available, subject to OMH review and approval. The current sponsor will continue to operate the CR until a new location is developed. If a new location is not viable, OMH reserves the right to consider a proposal by the awardee of this grant to redesign the housing.

Funding for the scattered site SH units will be a combination of client rent payments and \$16,156 per year from the State. Residents contribute 30% of their income less a utility allowance as rent.

Operating contracts will last for five years beginning on February 1, 2018.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit 501(c)(3) agencies that have experience with the following:

- Providing OMH licensed housing and unlicensed scattered site supportive housing for individuals with SMI and/or co-occurring disorders; and
- Providing housing and supportive services to men with SMI from the Orthodox Jewish faith.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Population (10 points)
- Housing Transition Plan (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 years.
- 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 must be submitted by September 12th. The award will be announced on September 26th.

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted by August 17th [here](#). Questions and answers will be posted on the OMH website on August 31st.