

RFP: Scattered-Site Supportive Housing for Adults with SMI

OVERVIEW

On November 29th, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of 100 units of scattered-site supportive Housing for individuals who have serious mental illness (SMI) in New York State. Scattered-site supportive housing consists of apartments located in multiple buildings integrated into the community. The housing units are intended to provide residents with affordable, independent housing and access to community resources and to reduce the demand for services in inpatient settings

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on January 24, 2018.

FUNDING

Funding for these units is a combination of client rent payments (clients are required to pay 30 percent of their net income) and OMH operating funds. Currently, the State provides \$16,759 per unit in New York City and \$16,809 per unit in Long Island for rent stipends, housing case management services, and contingency funds. There is no capital funding provided through this RFP and there are no OMH licensing requirements. Contracts will last for five years beginning on July 1, 2018.

There will be six groups of Scattered-Site Supportive Housing units to be awarded as follows:

Group	Number of Units	Region	County
Group #1	12 units	Pilgrim and/or Sagamore Children’s Psychiatric Catchment Region	Nassau County
Group #2	18 units	Pilgrim and/or Sagamore Children’s Psychiatric Catchment Region	Suffolk County
Group #3	20 units	Bronx Psychiatric Catchment Region	Bronx County
Group #4	20 units	Kingsboro Psychiatric Catchment Region	Kings County (Brooklyn)
Group #5	15 units	Creedmoor Psychiatric Catchment Region	Queens County
Group #6	15 units	South Beach Psychiatric Catchment Region	Richmond County (Staten Island)

Applicants may submit applications for more than one group; however, no one agency will initially be awarded more than one group. If an applicant is interested in applying for units in both New York City and Long Island, the applicant is required to submit separate applications. Applicants submitting applications for more than one group should indicate their order of preference.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

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

- Providing housing and supportive services to individuals with SMI and/or co-occurring disorders that are contracted for and monitored by a city, state, or federal government agency; and/or
- Providing mental health services to individuals with SMI through programs that are licensed by OMH or are under contract with OMH or the county Local Government Unity (LGU).

TARGET POPULATION

Housing under this RFP is intended for individuals who have SMI and who meet one of the following criteria:

- Is being discharged from State operated Psychiatric Centers or State operated residential programs;
- Is being discharged from an Article 28 hospital or an Article 31 hospital and in need of Scattered-Site Supportive Housing or for whom housing would assist in diversion from the State Psychiatric Center;
- Is a high user of Medicaid services and referred by health homes;
- Currently resides in an OMH licensed Community Residence operated by a voluntary provider agency, with priority for individuals with a Length of Stay (LOS) greater than two years;
- Currently resides in an OMH licensed Apartment Treatment Program operated by a voluntary provider agency, with priority for individuals with a LOS greater than three years;
- Is 18 years or older and is being discharged from a Residential Treatment Facility (RTF); or
- Is currently homeless or residing in a shelter in the Long Island Region.

In addition, individuals receiving Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) must receive priority access. OMH estimates that 60 percent of the units awarded will target referrals from State Psychiatric Centers and 40 percent of the units will focus on all other target populations as outlined above.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Proposal Narrative (40 points)
- Agency Performance (30 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 (30 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 Agency Performance section will be ranked higher.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by January 24, 2018. The award will be announced on February 21, 2018.

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted by December 14th to the issuing officer, Deborah Beaudin, at Deborah.Beaudin@omh.ny.gov. Questions and answers will be posted on the OMH website on December 28th.