

RFP: Scattered-Site Supportive Housing for Adults with SMI

OVERVIEW

On January 10th, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the operation of a 30-bed scattered-site supportive housing (SH) program for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) in Queens. Scattered-site supportive housing consists of apartments located in multiple buildings integrated into the community. The 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. This RFP's housing program has been operational for many years and all units are currently tenanted. Housing units are intended for chronically homeless single adults with SMI or for adults who have a co-occurring SMI and substance use disorder.

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on March 1st.

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. Effective April 1st, the State will provide \$16,775 per unit for rent stipends, housing case management services, and contingency funds. The current total rent expense across all apartments is \$24,076 per month, including the utility allowance. 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 1st.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit 501(c)(3) agencies that currently operate scattered-site supportive housing in New York City and who are in good standing with OMH or the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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 March 1st. The award will be announced on March 30th.

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted by February 1st to the issuing officer, Deborah Beaudin, at Deborah.Beaudin@omh.ny.gov. Questions and answers will be posted on the OMH website on February 15th.