

RFP: Scattered-Site Supportive Housing for Adults with SMI

OVERVIEW

On June 25th, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the operation of a 56-bed scattered-site supportive housing program for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) in Brooklyn. Scattered-site supportive housing consists of studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom 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 inpatient health and mental health services. This housing program has been operational for many years, and all units are currently tenanted. Of the 56 beds, 40 beds are funded for individuals with SMI and/or co-occurring substance use disorder and 16 beds are funded for individuals with SMI who are referred from State prison.

The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on August 13th.

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 July 1st, the State will provide \$17,375 per unit 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 January 1, 2019.

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.

TARGET POPULATION

Scattered-site supportive housing funded through this RFP must target the following populations:

- Individuals with SMI who are presently living in a New York State prison and will be released to New York City and who would otherwise be homeless (16 units);
- Single adults who are presently living in a New York State operated psychiatric center or state operated transitional residence, who could live independently in the community if provided with supportive housing, and who would be at risk of homelessness if discharged without supportive housing (30 units); and
- Chronically homeless adults who suffer from SMI and/or have a co-occurring disorder of mental illness and substance use (10 units).

Referrals from Kingsboro Psychiatric Center or South Beach Psychiatric Center should receive priority consideration for vacancy in the 30 units targeted at individuals presently living in psychiatric centers or transitional residences. Priority consideration for any housing vacancy should be given to referrals with an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) order.

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 August 13th. The award will be announced on September 17th.

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted by July 16th to the issuing officer, Deborah Beaudin, at Deborah.Beaudin@omh.ny.gov. Questions and answers will be posted on the OMH website on July 30th.