



## 500 Bed Scattered Site SH Homeless RFP Q and A

1. Is this opportunity exclusively for NYC?

ANSWER – Yes, these Supportive Housing units will be located in the NYC Region in either New York, Bronx, Queens or Kings counties.

2. What if an organization has experience in providing housing related services to community and a core staff collectively of 30 years plus experience in managing and providing housing services. Due to not yet being considered for a contract and therefore, not able to provide housing, could said agency apply and be considered for this?

ANSWER – Eligible applicants must meet the criteria identified in Section 2.5 of the RFP. The question does not provide enough information to determine if the organization described is eligible. If the applicant does not hold a current OMH housing contract, they should describe the experience that qualifies them to apply in response to question 2b.

3. If an agency operates multiple supportive housing apartment programs focused on this population, can they propose to place newly identified homeless adults within apartments in their current locations as they become available or does the RFP require the development of a new site?

ANSWER – This RFP is for the development of new Scattered Site Supportive Housing units. Applicants may not use an award under this initiative to supplant or increase funding for existing supportive housing units.

4. We plan to submit a proposal for 60 units. We recently met with a building owner that just completed construction of a 60-unit residential building – a mixture of studio, 1 BR and 2 BR units. The building also has community/meeting space and laundry on ground floor. We would like to lease all the units in the building (or master lease) exclusively for residents of the RFP. We wanted to make sure OMH would support this plan and not take issue with the “clustering”. The building is located in the Bronx and is very accessible to public transportation, grocery, bank, check cashing and all other necessities.

ANSWER – Agencies are encouraged to cluster apartments to maximize socialization, peer support, and other services. However, OMH would recommend no more than 60% of a building’s units be rented for this initiative.

5. Please clarify if the program director and program administrative assistant count towards the 1:15 staff to client ratio.

ANSWER – The staff to client ratio refers to staff who are carrying a caseload. Administrative staff who are not providing direct services would not be considered in the staff to client ratio.

6. Can you please share the Budget templates?

ANSWER – These are found in the Grants Gateway on the Presubmission Upload page.

7. Is a consolidated fiscal report required? Is it required annually?

ANSWER – Yes, any agency receiving funding from OMH is required to complete a consolidated fiscal report annually.

8. Can an organization submit 2 proposals for different counties, at the max of 60 units, for each proposal?

ANSWER – As noted in section 1.2 Allocation of Scattered Site Units, an organization can submit one application to site a program in more than one county with maximum of 60 units. The application is going to exceed 60 units two applications are required.

9. If an organization currently operates shelter for street homeless, can they use the supportive housing units as permanent housing option?

ANSWER – Referrals to this program must come from either a Safe Options Support (SOS) Team, Shelter-Partnered Assertive Community Treatment (SPACT) Team, or an Intensive Mobile Treatment (IMT) Team. An organization operating a shelter may not place their own shelter clients in these units absent a referral from one of the entities identified above.

10. Is it only individuals, or can an organization propose to work with families, or families with children based on county population needs?

ANSWER – Families and families with children may be served if referred by the one of the entities identified in question 9.

11. Can an organization propose a mixed population such as single women and adult families or single men? Based on apartment availability.

ANSWER – Yes.