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Introduction

The Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) was created in 1983 to provide capital grants and loans to non-profit corporations, charitable organizations, municipalities, and public corporations to acquire, construct or rehabilitate housing for persons who are homeless and are unable to secure adequate housing without special assistance. Projects eligible for HHAP funding may serve families, single persons, and youth, including those with special needs, such as homeless persons with mental illness, survivors of domestic violence, veterans, and persons living with HIV/AIDS. HHAP funds emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing projects.

The Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation (HHAC) is a public benefit corporation created in 1990 to administer HHAP funding. HHAC is a subsidiary of the New York State Housing Finance Agency (HFA) and staffed by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). In accordance with Social Services Law Section 44(7), the Commissioner of OTDA is required to submit to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the Assembly an annual report detailing the progress and evaluating the results, to date, of HHAP.

HHAP was the first program in the country to target substantial financial resources for the development of homeless housing. New York State was the first in the nation to recognize the concept that more than bricks and mortar is needed to appropriately provide housing for the most vulnerable members of society. Through HHAP, New York State pioneered the development of supportive housing for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS, low-demand housing for persons with mental illness and/or substance use disorders, and re-entry programs for formerly incarcerated men and women.

HHAP is responsive to locally identified community needs. Moreover, HHAP meets a distinct need within New York by developing housing that falls outside the purview of traditional low- and moderate-income housing initiatives. HHAP has provided capital funding for a wide range of housing types for various homeless special needs populations, including but not limited to:

- emergency and transitional facilities for survivors of domestic violence;
- programs for homeless and runaway youth;
- transitional housing for adolescents aging out of foster care;
- transitional programs for people in recovery from substance use; and
- supportive housing for homeless veterans, people living with HIV/AIDS, persons leaving correctional facilities, persons with substance use disorders, chronically homeless individuals, and persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

In many instances, HHAP is the only state resource available to fund the capital development of these types of projects.

HHAP may be a homeless project's sole source of development funds, or HHAP funds may be combined with other State, federal, or local funding sources, or private funds. HHAP often works in tandem with other funding sources to develop mixed-use housing projects that provide supportive and affordable housing for both low-income and homeless individuals and families. HHAP funds may be used for various housing types, such as emergency, transitional, or permanent supportive housing. Housing types may be combined and designed at a scale that is appropriate to the community and population(s) to be housed.

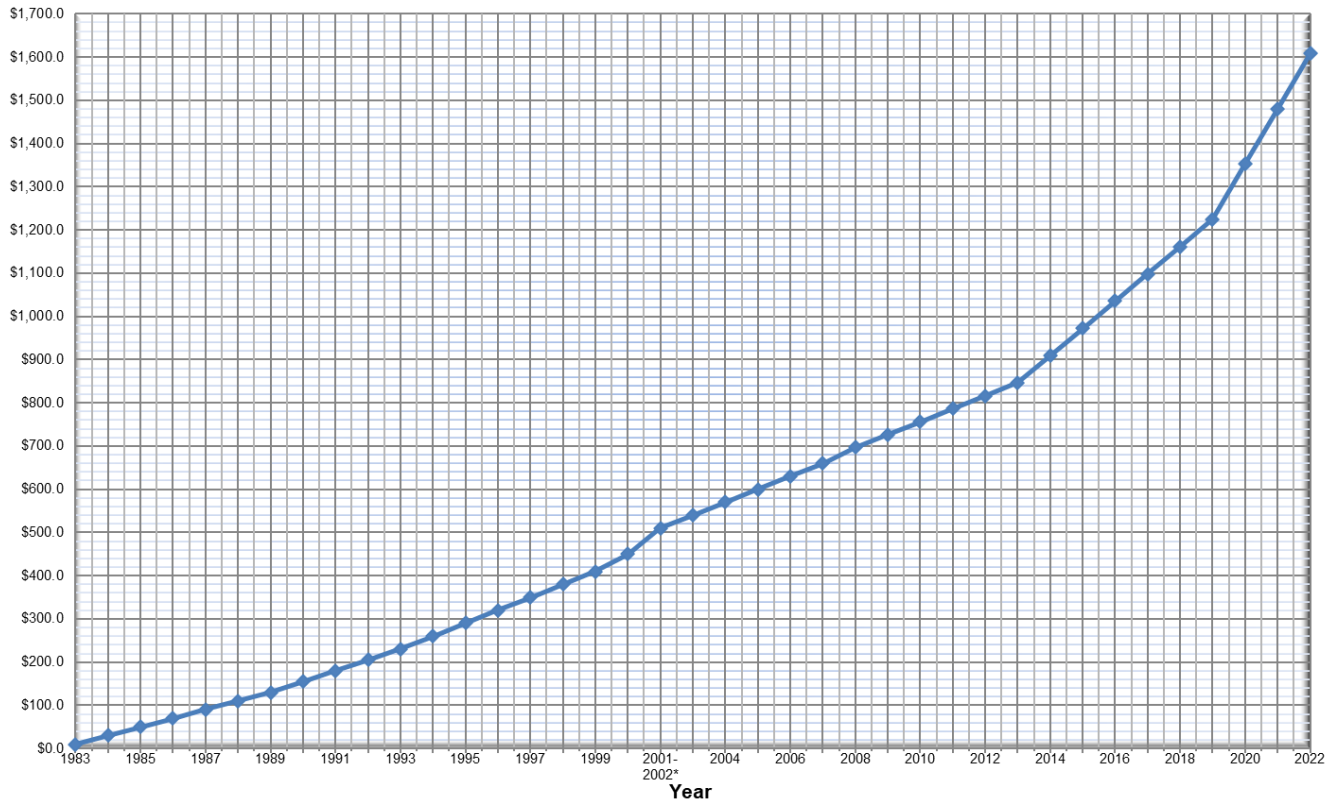
HHAP funds are awarded through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Applicants and awardees represent a broad range of non-profit and charitable organizations and have experience in housing

development, management, and/or the provision of social services. A relatively small number of grants have also been made to municipalities.

Summary of Awarded Funds

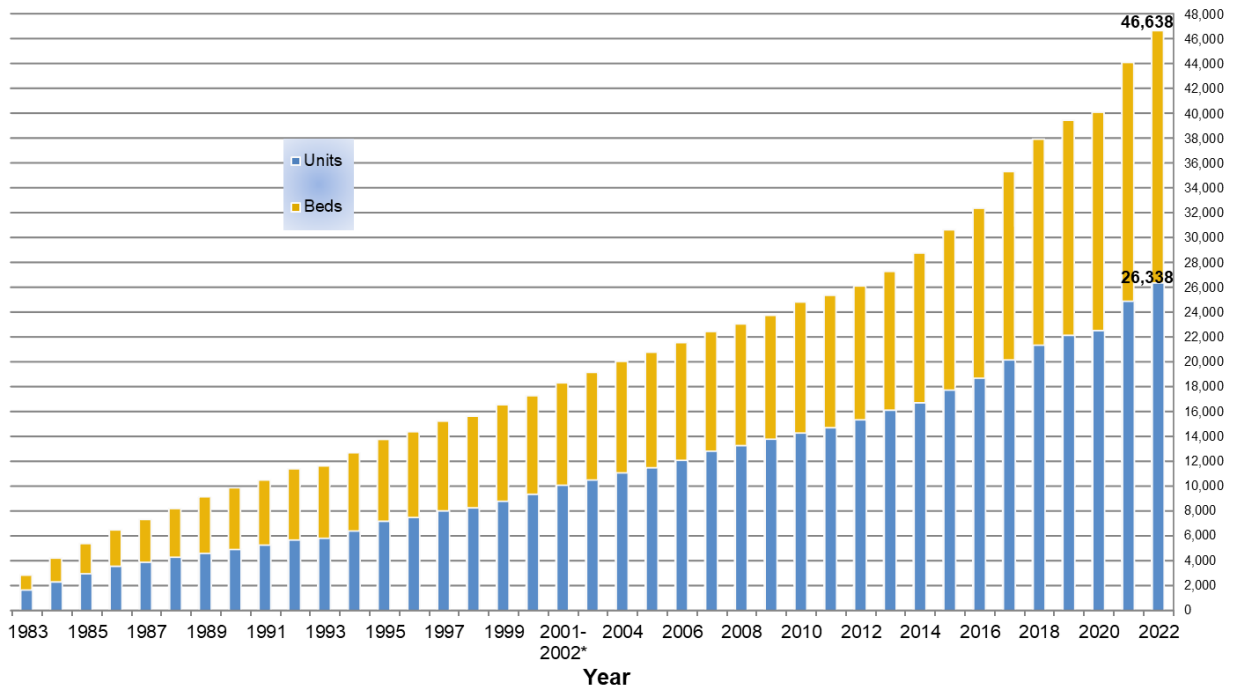
HHAP capital funds are primarily available for costs related to the actual process of housing development: property acquisition; demolition and site work; rehabilitation or new construction; equipment costs; and architectural and other professional fees. Funds are also utilized for HHAP operating and administrative expenses, such as architectural oversight, Technical Assistance (TA) and property management. From the inception of the program in 1983 through SFY 2022-23, New York State has appropriated \$1,604,500,000 toward the development of 26,338 units of homeless housing.

CUMULATIVE FUNDS APPROPRIATED 1983-2022
(in millions of dollars)



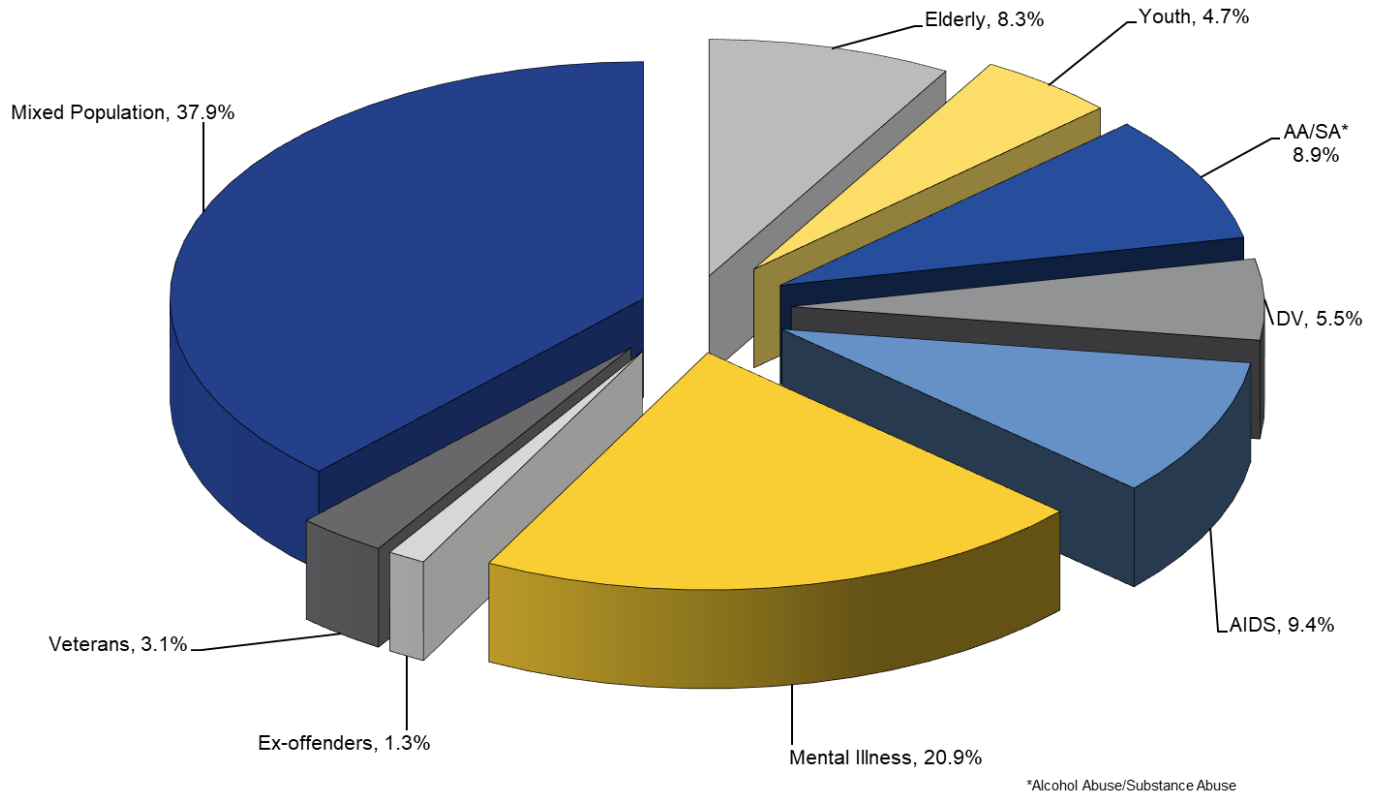
*SFY 2001-02 and 2002-03 appropriations were combined into one funding round.

CUMULATIVE HHAP UNITS & BEDS



Populations Served by HHAP

Special Population Units Awarded 1983-2022



Homelessness is often the result of underlying challenges that families and individuals must address to attain the highest possible level of independence. Based on community need, HHAC selects projects that target specific homeless sub-populations. Over the history of HHAP, funding has been provided to develop housing for homeless single persons and families who have histories of mental illness, substance use disorder, HIV/AIDS, and domestic violence. The program also serves homeless populations such as adolescents aging out of foster care, parenting teens, elderly persons, veterans and persons leaving correctional facilities. The chart above shows the units funded and identifies the special populations served.

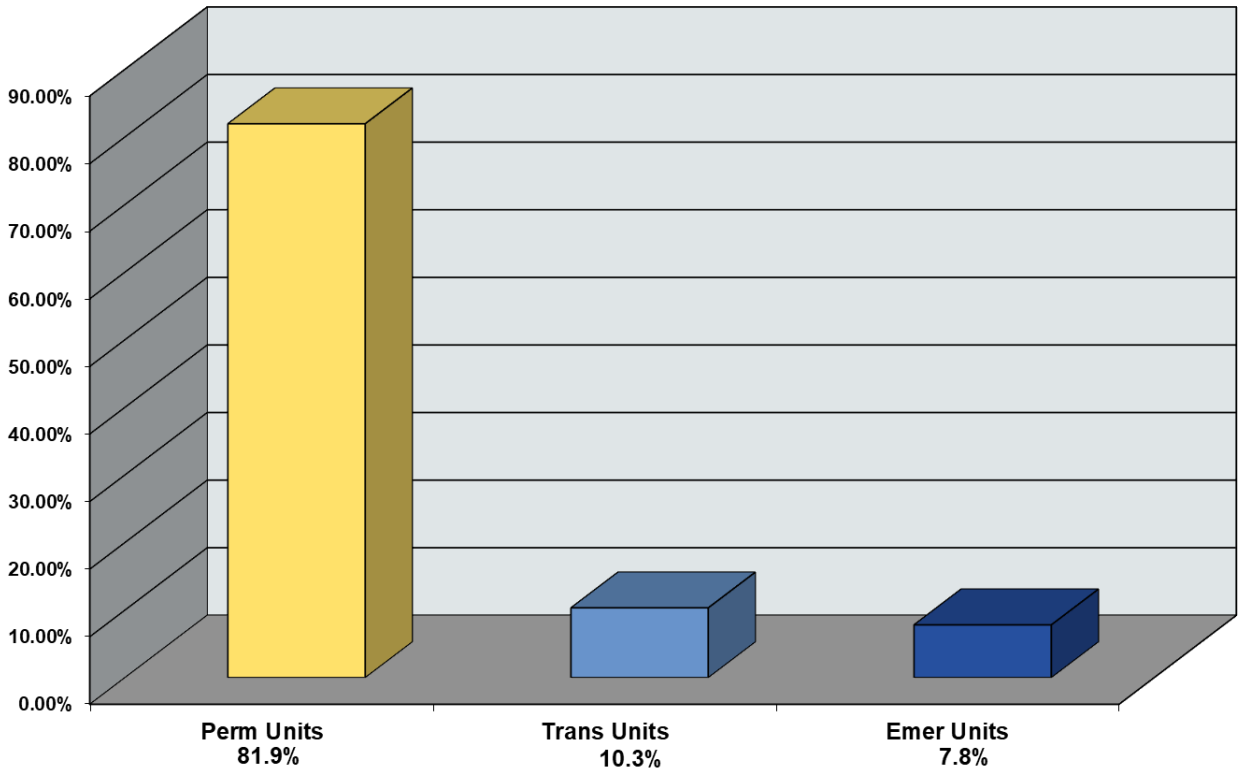
OTDA recognizes that housing is essential to a person's health and well-being and is the foundation upon which a comprehensive service plan is built. The agency also acknowledges that in addition to providing housing to homeless individuals and families, the underlying causes of homelessness for the populations served must be addressed. Therefore, HHAP requires that its programs incorporate appropriate support services for the populations housed. These support services are a distinctive feature of HHAP-funded projects. The provision of housing with support services is designed to help residents move toward increased self-determination and greater economic sufficiency.

HHAP Funding History

During the 39 years HHAP has been in operation, 869 projects throughout the State were approved for funding. Of these, 65 withdrew their funding reservation, which resulted in a total of 804 funded projects. These funded projects have yielded 26,338 units of housing with a total of 46,638 beds.

Over 80% of the units that HHAP funded provide permanent housing for homeless families and individuals. The remaining units provide housing in a transitional setting (generally up to 24 months) or on an emergency basis (30 days or less).

**HHAP Housing Type funded
1983-2022**

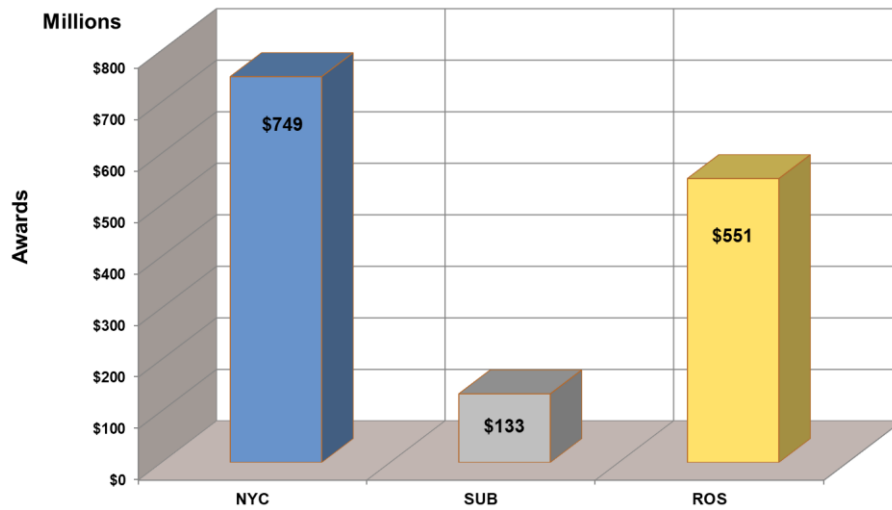


Regional Development

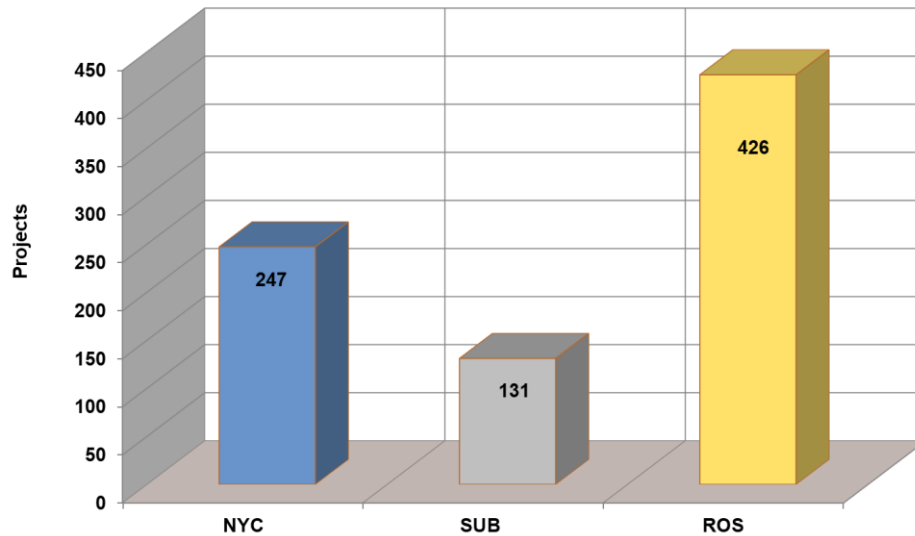
HHAP Projects Awarded by Region (1983–2022)

Approximately 52% of program funds committed to date were awarded to projects located in New York City (NYC). This reflects the size of the homeless population in NYC, the higher cost of housing, and the availability of non-profit sponsors. A total of 9% of the funding was committed to projects in suburban (SUB) areas surrounding NYC (defined as Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties), and the remaining 39% was committed to projects in the rest of the state (ROS). NYC has the highest costs to develop, but ROS has the most awards funded.

TOTAL FUNDING BY REGION



NUMBER OF PROJECTS BY REGION



HHAP Projects Awarded by County (1983 – 2022*)

New York City & Suburbs

County	Number of Projects	Amount Awarded
New York City		
NYC Total	247	\$748,690,311
Suburban		
Nassau	16	17,376,322
Suffolk	62	53,538,158
Westchester	53	62,190,671
Suburban Total	131	\$133,105,151

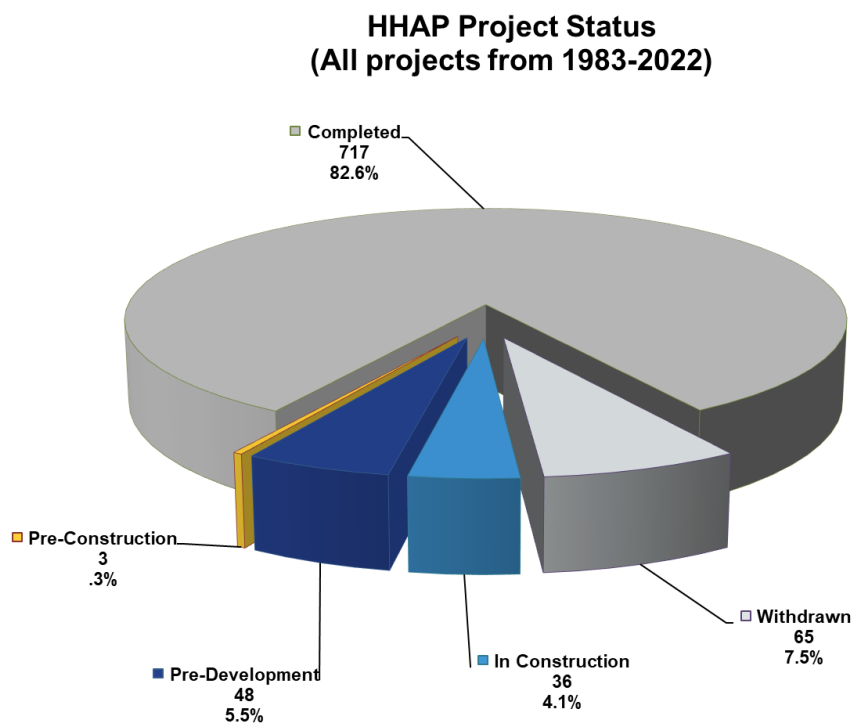
Rest of State

County	Number of Projects	Amount Awarded
Albany	40	\$44,092,703
Allegany	3	1,577,503
Broome	19	36,088,925
Cattaraugus	12	10,402,792
Cayuga	5	9,081,626
Chautauqua	12	12,082,230
Chemung	1	173,012
Chenango	1	198,500
Clinton	5	1,994,840
Columbia	6	3,027,695
Cortland	2	1,658,673
Dutchess	10	7,019,209
Dutchess/Ulster	1	950,000
Erie	46	65,557,218
Essex	1	74,000
Franklin	13	15,059,097
Fulton	3	4,622,858
Genesee	1	4,764,760
Greene	1	152,000
Herkimer	1	219,265
Jefferson	7	4,978,814
Livingston	3	1,201,173
Madison	4	5,984,378
Monroe	42	75,955,217
Montgomery	1	550,000
Niagara	10	7,489,137
Oneida	20	29,761,978
Onondaga	24	33,636,157
Ontario	7	11,155,988
Orange	11	16,481,729
Orleans	1	524,985
Oswego	5	12,007,370

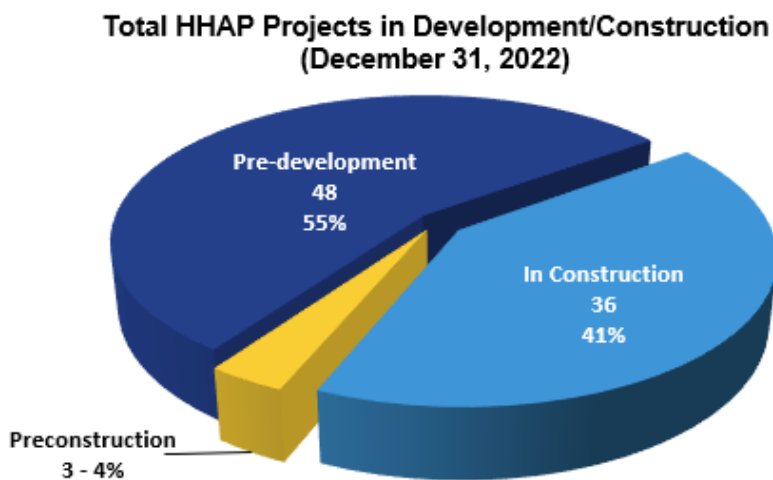
County	Number of Projects	Amount Awarded
Otsego	3	1,514,559
Putnam	3	1,021,067
Rensselaer	17	28,976,190
Rockland	4	6,904,896
Saratoga	10	7,911,066
Schenectady	11	29,592,554
Schoharie	2	345,290
Seneca	1	1,043,899
St. Lawrence	12	12,809,904
Steuben	9	7,667,307
Sullivan	2	258,321
Tioga	3	1,016,752
Tompkins	8	14,269,985
Ulster	9	4,747,490
Warren	5	7,049,232
Washington	1	2,509,858
Wayne	3	1,344,670
Wyoming	3	1,282,000
Yates	2	2,041,844
Rest of State Total	426	\$550,830,716
Withdrawals	65	\$0
Grand Total	869	\$1,432,626,178

HHAP Project Status

Under the purview of OTDA, HHAP has served as the cornerstone program for the development of housing for homeless individuals and families in New York State. Of all projects awarded HHAP funding to date, almost 83% have been successfully completed. Approximately 10% percent of all HHAP projects are currently in pre-development, preconstruction or in construction, and 7.5% have been withdrawn due to unforeseen problems.



The following chart denotes the development status of all HHAP projects that were in the development/construction process as of December 31, 2022.



2022 Accomplishments

HHAP Projects Completed in 2022

During calendar year 2022, 14 HHAP projects completed construction, which resulted in the preservation or creation of 287 units and 426 beds of supportive housing. This represents an HHAP investment of over \$31.6 million. Please note that five of the projects completed received existing emergency shelter repair funding and are summarized later in this report under “Existing Emergency Shelter Repair Funds.” The following is a summary of the remaining nine completed projects that included HHAP funds:

**St. Joseph’s Hospital (St. Joseph’s) & Concern Housing (Concern)
School St.
(2015-034/HC00977)
Yonkers, Westchester County**



St. Joseph’s and Concern Housing received a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) on June 30, 2022. St. Joseph’s received a \$2,750,000 HHAP award reservation in February 2016 for the new construction of 48 units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) for single homeless adults with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) in Yonkers, Westchester County. An additional 32 units are reserved for low-income individuals and families who earn up to 60% of the Area Medium Income (AMI), for a total of 80 units.

Other sources of development funding include 4% tax-exempt bond financing, Supportive Housing Opportunity Program (SHOP) and Housing Trust Fund (HTF) through the NYS Housing Finance Agency (HFA), a loan from NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), a developer and sponsor loan, and a deferred developer fee, for a total project cost of \$49,637,840.

Operating revenues include assistance under OMH's Supported Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Housing for Adults Program for the 48 homeless units and tenant rents.

Support services are provided by St. Joseph's and include comprehensive case management, coordination of psychiatric services/behavioral health and health services, daily living skills training, medication management, rehabilitative counseling, benefit assistance, crisis intervention, tenant association support meetings, education services, and recreation activities.

**CARES of New York, Inc. (CARES)
(2019-001/HC01003)
Albany, Albany County**



CARES obtained a TCO on June 10, 2022. CARES received a \$3,315,020 HHAP award reservation in October 2019 for the new construction of 15 units of PSH for homeless families and individuals in Albany. Two units house single homeless adults with SMI, two units house single homeless youth, five units house single homeless adults with HIV/AIDS and six family units house homeless parenting youth, for a total of 15 units.

The only other funding source is a sponsor commitment, for a total project cost of \$3,414,924.

Operating revenues include an Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) award for 15 units, administered by the OTDA, and tenant rents.

Support services are provided by CARES and Community Maternity Services and include comprehensive case management, advocacy and benefit support, employment and financial planning, medical case management, substance use services, educational planning, vocational training, parenting education, life skill training, legal advocacy, community living skills, support groups, transportation, and recreational services.

**DePaul Properties, Inc. (DePaul)
DePaul Oswego/ Lock 7 Apartments
(2019-009/HC01001)
Oswego, Oswego County**



DePaul received a Certificate of Occupancy (CofO) on September 1, 2022. DePaul received a \$6,650,000 HHAP award reservation in October 2019, which was later reduced to \$3,580,000 at the request of the sponsor because the project was eligible for funding through Federal Housing Trust Fund (FHTF). Lock 7 Apartments provides 40 units of PSH in Oswego. Thirty of the HHAP units are set aside for homeless individuals living with SMI and 10 units are set aside for homeless individuals over the age of 55. An additional 40 units are reserved for low-income individuals and families with incomes at or below 60% of the AMI, for a total of 80 units. The project provides housing for both families and singles.

ODM received a TCO on October 24, 2022. ODM received a \$6,598,536 HHAP award reservation in February 2021 to develop 24 units/beds of PSH in Rochester. Eight units are for individuals living with a SUD, four units for individuals living with a SMI, four units for chronically homeless individuals, four units for youth ages 18-25, and four units for survivors of domestic violence.

Other sources of development funding include an agency contribution from ODM, for a total project cost of \$6,857,088.

Operating revenues include ESSHI, administered by OTDA, for all 24 units, and tenant rents.

Support services are provided by ODM and include case management, job readiness training, job search assistance, money and resource management education, housing stability, healthcare, service coordination, recovery support, community engagement, and life skills support.

**Standing Together Effectively for People by Standing Together Effectively for People, Inc.
(S.T.E.P. by S.T.E.P.)
Lincoln School Apartments
(2019-011/HC00998)
Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County**



S.T.E.P. by S.T.E.P. obtained a CofO on October 14, 2022. S.T.E.P. by S.T.E.P. received a \$4,565,447 HHAP award reservation in October 2019 for the renovation of a former school into 20 units of PSH in Ogdensburg. The project includes 11 studio units for individuals with SMI, four studio units for ex-offenders, three studio units for chronically homeless individuals, and two one-bedroom apartments for homeless couples.

HHAC approved an additional \$200,000 in funding, for a total award reservation of \$4,765,477. Other sources of funding include FHLB and a sponsor contribution, for a total project cost of \$5,255,447.

Operating revenues include ESSHI, administered by OMH, St. Lawrence County Community Services, and NYS Community Investment Funds (CIF).

Support services are provided by S.T.E.P. by S.T.E.P. and other community organizations via referrals through linkage agreements and includes case management, self-help groups, health and wellness classes, independent living skills, home healthcare, and benefit advisement.

**Unique People Services, Inc. (UPS)
2050 Grand Concourse
(2018-015/HC00975)
Bronx NYC, Bronx County**



UPS obtained a TCO on November 15, 2022. UPS received a \$5,500,000 HHAP award reservation in October 2018 and an HHAP award increase of \$380,000 in January 2022 for unforeseen construction costs, for a total HHAP investment of \$5,880,000. The project provides 58 units of PSH for homeless individuals in the Bronx. Thirty units are for homeless single adults living with HIV/AIDS and 28 units are for homeless single adults living with a SMI. An additional 23 units are reserved for households with incomes less than 60% of the AMI and 14 units for households with incomes less than 80% AMI. There is one unit for a live-in superintendent, for a total of 96 units.

Other sources of development funding include 4% bond financing, LIHTC equity, HTF and SHOP funding through HFA; a Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) loan, a NYSEDA grant, solar tax credit equity, a deferred developer's fee, and developer equity, for a total project cost of \$61,764,025.

Operating revenues include an ESSHI grant administered by OMH, for 28 units, rental and support services subsidy for the 30 HIV/AIDS units through NYC Housing Resource Administration's (HRA) HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) program, tenant rents, and a master lease through UPS for the commercial space.

Support services are provided by UPS and include case management, advocacy and benefit support, employment plan development, appointment facilitation and mental health counseling.

**Corning Council for Assistance and Information for the Disabled Inc.
dba AIM Independent Living Center (AIM)
(2020-004/HC01017)
Corning, Steuben County**



AIM obtained a CofO on December 6, 2022. AIM received a \$1,032,825 HHAP award reservation in February 2021 for the substantial rehabilitation of a former pediatrician's office to develop five units/beds of PSH in Corning for four homeless young adults and one youth aging out of foster care.

The only other source of development funding is an agency contribution from AIM, for a total project cost of \$1,292,825. Operating revenues include ESSHI, administered by the OTDA, and tenant rents.

Support services are provided by AIM both on- and off-site and include case management, crisis intervention, support groups, financial assistance, independent living skills, mental health services, vocational/employment services and legal assistance.

**Christopher Community, Inc. (CCI)
Grace Brown House
(2019-017/HC01008)**

Location and picture not included for tenant safety

CCI obtained a CofO on March 11, 2022. CCI received a \$1,500,000 HHAP award reservation in December 2019 for the new construction of 25 units of PSH for survivors of domestic violence (DV) and their families in Cortland. In December 2020, HHAP increased the award reservation by \$375,000 to address a funding gap caused by market uncertainty as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, for a total HHAP investment of \$1,875,000.

Other sources of development funding include SHOP and LIHTC through HCR, FHLB, a deferred developer fee and NYSERDA incentives, for a total project cost of \$7,705,407.

Operating revenues include ESSHI, administered by OTDA, for all 25 units.

The YWCA of Cortland is the ESSHI recipient and provides support services including case management, benefits advocacy, employment plan development, education services, crisis management, transportation, physical/mental health services, childcare services and mental health counseling.

**The YWCA of Niagara Frontier (The YWCA)
(2018-009/HC00993)**

Location and picture not included for tenant safety

The YWCA obtained a CofO in November 2022. The YWCA received a \$1,448,166 HHAP award reservation in October 2018 for the substantial rehabilitation of a former YWCA service agency building into 12 units of PSH. Eight units are reserved for homeless single women who are survivors of domestic violence, and four units are reserved for low-income single women who have incomes at 60% AMI. The building also provides administrative offices and commercial space.

Other sources of development funding include HTF and CIF through HCR, ESD GrowthFund, Main Street, and a Yahoo grant, for a total development cost of \$3,548,456.

Operating revenues include ESSHI, administered by OTDA, a per diem through the Niagara County Department of Social Services, tenant rents, and commercial income.

Support services are provided by The YWCA and through linkages with local service providers and include case management, assistance with life skills, support programs, counseling, benefits advocacy, health screening, wellness programs, education and vocational training, and financial literacy.

Funds Awarded Through the HHAP Request for Proposals 2022 Calendar Year Awards (SFY 2021-22 and SFY 2022-23 HHAP)

To address the increased need for supportive housing for homeless families and individuals, the appropriation for HHAP doubled to \$128 million from its appropriation in SFY 2019-20. The SFY 2022-23 appropriation for HHAP continued funding at the \$128 million amount. This increase in funding allowed the HHAP RFP to stay open and rollover from SFY 2021-22 to 2022-23.

HHAP funds are awarded via an “Open Request for Proposals” (RFP) process whereby applications are accepted on a continuous basis and awards are made in the order in which proposals are received. This process allows flexibility in addressing emerging needs and makes it easier for applicants to time applications to coincide with project development timelines. It also allows applicants to coordinate requests for HHAP funding with other funding sources, such as HCR, HPD, HUD, and other entities that provide capital funding. An open RFP also aims to increase the efficiency and speed with which HHAP staff review applications as applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis rather than all at once.

The SFY 2021-22 and SFY 2022-23 HHAP RFP established certain funding priorities, including supportive housing projects that:

- Propose supportive housing developed using services and operating funding obtained through the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI); or

Propose supportive housing projects targeted to veterans. Such projects may serve single homeless veterans or homeless veterans and their families. In order to obtain priority points, the funding application must propose housing for veterans and: a) demonstrate a need for homeless veteran housing in the proposed community, and b) include service agreements with a range of veterans’ service providers and clearly delineate processes for referral, intake, and the provision of supportive services that take into consideration the specific needs of homeless veterans and their families; or

Applications that propose supportive housing projects targeted to long-staying families in emergency housing; or

Applications where the majority of funding will come from a source, or sources, other than HHAC and at least 75% of the non-HHAP funding is already committed.

The 2021-22 RFP added a \$5 million set-aside for housing for Veterans, in addition to its historical \$5 million set-aside for housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS or related illness. Both set-asides continued for SFY 2022-23.

The SFY 2021-22 HHAP RFP continued the Existing Emergency Shelter Repair Initiative through the 2022 calendar year. This supports the Governor’s commitment to improve emergency shelter conditions. Eligible applicants are owners or operators of existing emergency shelters outside of NYC. Eligible proposals are limited to those that would undertake critical health and safety improvements or assist with any current non-compliance issues that the shelter does not have the means to remedy. Repair costs of up to \$100,000 per facility are permitted. Five emergency shelter repair awards, totaling \$474,591 were awarded in calendar year 2022. Three awards were made from the SFY 2021-22 appropriation and two from SFY 2022-23.

SFY 2021-22 HHAP Awards

As of June 8, 2022, 11 awards were made from the SFY 2021-22 HHAP appropriation. These 11 projects will provide 379 units of permanent supportive housing and 22 units (98 beds) of emergency housing. The homeless populations served will include chronically homeless individuals, veterans, those suffering from a mental illness, youth aging out of foster care, individuals re-entering the community from incarceration, survivors of domestic violence, individuals suffering from substance use disorder and homeless seniors. In addition, the three Existing Emergency Shelter Repair projects awarded in 2022 from the SFY 2021-22 appropriation, collectively provide 21 units (68 beds) of emergency shelter for individuals and families in Broome and Suffolk counties.

Applicant: United Veterans Beacon House, Inc. (UVBH)

HHAP ID#: 2021-032

Project Name: N/A

County: Suffolk

Total Project Cost: \$2,616,337

Summary of Project: UVBH requested \$2,616,337 in HHAP funds for the new construction of one unit of permanent supportive housing (PSH) for a homeless family where the head of household is a veteran and the preservation of two emergency shelters for single homeless adults in East Patchogue, Suffolk County. The two existing shelters are currently operated by UVBH.

Support services will be provided by UVBH and via linkages with local support service agencies and will include medical care, psychiatric services, crisis intervention, substance abuse treatment, employment services, entitlements/VA benefits advocacy, financial/money management, and parenting skills.

Applicant: Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.

HHAP ID#: 2021-033

Project Name: Chautauqua Women's Shelter

County: Chautauqua

Total Project Cost: \$2,606,175

Summary of Project: Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. requested \$2,496,175 in HHAP funds to develop 12 units (18 beds) of emergency housing in Jamestown for homeless single women ages 18 and older. This application proposes the acquisition and substantial rehabilitation of a three-story building, which currently contains abandoned commercial space on the first floor and one- and two-bedroom apartments on the two upper floors. The new development will include common areas and space for onsite staff. Units on the second floor will be fully adaptable and provide room for one person per unit, while third-floor units will be slightly larger and accommodate two persons for each bedroom. The project will be certified by OTDA DSOC at time of project opening.

Support services will be provided by Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. and will include case management, housing search assistance, financial education, food security, and employment assistance.

Applicant: Barrier Free Living, Inc. (BFL)

HHAP ID#: 2021-036

Project Name: Freedom Village

County: New York

Total Project Cost: \$42,670,358

Summary of Project: BFL requested \$6,000,000 in HHAP funds for the new construction of a 13-story building with 44 units (96 beds) of PSH for survivors of domestic violence in Manhattan. This is part of a larger 75-unit (128 bed) project, which will also have 30 units set aside for frail elderly homeless seniors transitioning out of nursing homes and one unit for a live-in building superintendent. The housing will be fully accessible for tenants with disabilities.

Support services will be provided by BFL and will include case management, home care, care management, psychiatric evaluations, psychosocial evaluations, activity of daily living evaluation and training, medical, group/community meetings, and conflict resolution.

Applicant: Catholic Charities of Onondaga County (CCOC)

HHAP ID#: 2021-038

Project Name: Catholic Charities Housing Services Center (HSC) Shelter

County: Onondaga

Total Project Cost: \$10,750,257

Summary of Project: CCOC requested \$5,943,429 in HHAP funds to substantially rehabilitate an existing commercial building to preserve 80 beds of emergency housing in Syracuse. CCOC must re-locate the shelter due to the land having been repurposed for a 5G plant that is part of a large economic development project for the city and county. Construction of the 5G plant has begun around the shelter, which CCOC must vacate. Therefore, the new shelter must be completed in time to ensure no lapse in service. CCOC has secured a construction line of credit (LOC). This LOC can be converted into a permanent loan, but HHAP funds are being requested to pay off a substantial portion, which is the residential portion. The project, to be known as Catholic Charities Housing Services Center, will be certified by OTDA DSOC and will also include office space, an on-site medical clinic, dining room, commercial kitchen, and laundry service.

Support services will be provided by CCOC and will include housing search assistance, case management, and mental health and substance use treatment.

Applicant: Breaking Ground II HDFC (Breaking Ground)

HHAP ID#: 2021-040

Project Name: Sutphin Senior Housing

County: Queens

Total Project Cost: \$116,762,665

Summary of Project: Breaking Ground requested \$5,725,000 in HHAP funds to develop 52 units/beds of PSH in Jamaica Queens for elderly homeless individuals who have a serious mental illness (SMI), a substance use disorder (SUD), or co-occurring SMI and SUD. This is part of a larger project with 173 units (233 beds) that will also have 119 low-income units and a unit for the superintendent. This application proposes the new construction of a 15-story building which will be Passive House certified (a voluntary standard for energy efficiency in a building which reduces the building's ecological footprint and results in an ultra-low energy building that requires little energy for heating or cooling). The building will also contain multiple garden spaces, community space, on-site support service space and property management offices.

Support services will be provided by Breaking Ground and include supportive case management, assistance with self-administration of medication, aging services, psychiatric care and substance use treatment.

Applicant: Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (INHS)

HHAP ID#: 2021-041

Project Name: Wheat Street Apartments

County: Cayuga

Total Project Cost: \$17,586,873

Summary of Project: INHS requested \$2,250,000 in HHAP funds to create eight units/beds of PSH in the Village of Cayuga for homeless individuals with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability (I/DD). In addition, there will be one unit for an individual living with an I/DD who is not homeless and 39 units for income eligible members of the community. This application proposes the adaptive reuse of a former elementary school and the new construction of three townhouse style buildings. There will also be a services office, community room, common laundry and bicycle storage in the main building.

Support services will be provided by the E. John Gavras Center and include case management, service coordination, life skills training, cooking classes, shopping classes, healthy relationships workshops, recreation activities, transportation assistance, a food pantry, clothing assistance, representative payee services, group and individual counseling and connection to primary healthcare.

Applicant: DePaul Properties, Inc. (DePaul)

HHAP ID#: 2021-042

Project Name: Apartments on Crane Street

County: Schenectady

Total Project Cost: \$25,116,929

Summary of Project: DePaul requested \$3,499,650 in HHAP funds to create 30 units (36 beds) of PSH in Schenectady. Twenty of the HHAP units will be for homeless adults living with SMI and ten units will be for homeless frail elderly seniors. An additional 30 units will be affordable housing for families and individuals. This application proposes the new construction of two buildings with an existing mixed-use building in-between. The buildings will include laundry facilities, on-site property management, a community room, in-unit resident storage, an exterior courtyard and off-street parking.

Support services will be provided on-site by DePaul and Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP) and include case management, independent living skills training, recreational services, crisis interventions and linkage to other community resources.

Applicant: Project Renewal, Inc. (PRI)

HHAP ID#: 2021-043

Project Name: Bedford Green Phase II – Jerome Tower

County: Bronx

Total Project Cost: \$60,809,546

Summary of Project: PRI requested \$6,000,000 in HHAP funds to create 70 units (99 beds) of PSH in the Bronx. Thirty-eight of the HHAP units will be for homeless individuals and families where the head of household is living with a SMI and 32 units will be for homeless individuals and families where the head of household has SUD. This is part of a larger 116-unit (164 bed) project which will also have 46 units for income eligible members of the community. This application proposes the

new construction of a 17- story building. The building will also include support services offices and a community medical clinic.

Support services will be provided by PRI and include case management, primary medical and dental care, mental health services, substance use counseling, financial management education, entitlements assistance, education advocacy, crisis intervention, individual and group counseling, recreation and leisure planning, and occupational therapy.

Applicant: Catholic Charities of Onondaga County (CCOC)

HHAP ID#: 2021-044

Project Name: Catholic Charities HSC Apartments

County: Onondaga

Total Project Cost: \$1,741,594

Summary of Project: CCOC requested \$1,230,769 in HHAP funds towards the new construction of six units/beds of PSH in East Syracuse for chronically homeless men. The six units will be located on property adjacent to CCOC's HSC Shelter.

Support services will be provided by CCOC and include case management, housing stability, job readiness training, job search assistance and referrals.

Applicant: CAMBA Housing Ventures, Inc. (CHV) & CAMBA, Inc.

HHAP ID#: 2021-046

Project Name: Clarkson Estates

County: Kings

Total Project Cost: \$178,596,676

Summary of Project: CHV requested \$9,928,000 in HHAP funds to develop 146 units (248 beds) of PSH in Brooklyn for 35 individuals re-entering the community from incarceration, 35 homeless youth, 35 youth aging out of foster care and 41 chronically homeless families. This is part of a larger project with 291 units (616 beds), which will also have low-income units for households earning 30%, 40%, 50%, and 70% area median income (AMI) and one superintendent's unit. This application proposes the new construction of an eight-story building, with commercial space for a community facility, which will include childcare, a community basketball gym, health and wellness services, and a community food pantry. Additionally, there will be approximately 80 parking spaces for residents and the community.

Support services will be provided by the co-sponsor, CAMBA, Inc., on and off-site and will include case management, mental health care, substance use services, primary medical care, family care, domestic violence, education and youth development, economic development and workforce training, adult education, financial literacy, benefits advocacy, independent living skills and family counseling and support services.

Applicant: Christopher Community, Inc.

HHAP ID#: 2021-049

Project Name: Community View Apartments

County: Madison

Total Project Cost: \$19,037,008

Summary of Project: Christopher Community, Inc. requested \$2,771,200 in HHAP funds to create 20 units/beds of PSH in Morrisville for homeless frail, elderly seniors with a disability or chronic condition. This is part of a larger project for seniors aged 55 and older with incomes ranging

between 30%-60% AMI. This application proposes the new construction of a three-story building with a community room, a lounge with a computer lab, and a wellness room with fitness equipment.

Support services for this project will be provided by the ESSHI award recipient, Crouse Community Center, Inc, and will include case management, entitlement advocacy, transportation, medication management, legal assistance, health care services, and community-based activities.

SFY 2022-23 HHAP Awards

As of December 31, 2022, seven awards have been made from the SFY 2022-23 HHAP appropriation. These seven projects will provide 302 units of permanent supportive housing. The homeless populations served will include chronically homeless individuals and families, veterans, those suffering from a SMI, individuals suffering from SUD, survivors of domestic violence, individuals re-entering the community from incarceration and homeless seniors. In addition, the two Existing Emergency Shelter Repair projects awarded in 2022 from the SFY 2022-23 appropriation collectively provide 18 units (43) beds of emergency shelter for singles and families in Chautauqua and Suffolk counties.

Applicant: Comunilife, Inc.

HHAP ID#: 2022-001

Project Name: Tiebout Avenue Residence

County: Bronx

Total Project Cost: \$49,705,714

Summary of Project: Comunilife, Inc. requested \$5,948,127 in HHAP funds for the new construction of a ten-story building in the Bronx. The project will create 50 units/beds of PSH for frail elderly seniors who are homeless. The additional 32 units will be affordable units for low-income seniors with one superintendent's unit, for a total of 83 units. The building will include an outdoor space with a garden, a community room with a kitchen, computer stations and laundry facilities.

Support services will be provided on-site by Comunilife, Inc. and will include case management, primary and specialized medical care, substance use treatment, assistance with obtaining entitlements, independent life skills training, educational, vocational, and employment support, and linkage to community supports.

Applicant: H.E.L.P Development Corp. (HELP)

HHAP ID#: 2022-004

Project Name: Center City Courtyard Residences

County: Monroe

Total Project Cost: \$60,463,351

Summary of Project: HELP requested \$7,975,000 in HHAP funds to develop 80 units (84 beds) of PSH in Rochester. The project will serve individuals re-entering the community after incarceration, veterans and their families, and individuals with SMI and SUD. An additional 81 units will be set aside for low-income families and individuals whose incomes range from 30% to 80% of the AMI, for a total of 161 units.

Support services will be provided on-site by three providers that specialize in services to these populations: Eagle Star Housing for veterans, Urban League of Rochester for mental health, and Healio Health for SUD. Services will include case management and service planning, activities of daily living (ADL), symptoms and medication management, substance use counseling, rehabilitation and recovery support, money management training, entitlement advocacy, health care referrals, case management, nutrition, vocational and educational support through on-site groups, social,

cultural and leisure activities provided in the community and in-house, community integration skills, self-empowerment training and referrals to mental health treatments.

Applicant: DePaul Properties, Inc. (DePaul)

HHAP ID#: 2022-005

Project Name: True North Apartments

County: Monroe

Total Project Cost: \$35,187,321.00

Summary of Project: DePaul requested \$5,515,000 in HHAP funds to develop 35 units/beds of PSH in Rochester for 20 chronically homeless individuals and 15 elderly homeless single adults. This is part of a larger project with 70 units (107 beds) which will also have 32 low-income units for those at 60% of the AMI or below, and three market-rate units available to residents at or below 90% AMI. This application proposes the new construction of three scattered-site buildings, two of which will be residential and the third will be a commercial community wellness clinic to be operated by the Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency (FLACRA). The two residential buildings will be elevator-equipped and include amenities, such as laundry rooms, property management offices, a community room, in-unit resident storage, an exterior central courtyard, and off-street parking.

DePaul Community Services, Inc. will provide support services for the elderly population and Person-Centered Housing Options, Inc. (PCHO) will provide services for the chronically homeless population. Services will include case management, life skills training, community reintegration, connection to outside providers for additional services, such as physical/mental health care, substance use treatment, and employment/vocational assistance.

Applicant: Pathstone Housing Action Corporation (Pathstone)

HHAP ID#: 2022-006

Project Name: Churchview Commons

County: Monroe

Total Project Cost: \$17,268,382

Summary of Project: Pathstone requested \$3,100,000 in HHAP funds to develop 24 units (40 beds) of PSH in Rochester. The project will serve both homeless individuals and families and will include eight units for people with SMI, eight units for people with SUD and eight units for survivors of domestic violence (DV). This is part of a larger project with 45 units (95 beds) for households at or below 50%-60% of the AMI. This application proposes the new construction of a two-story building that will feature carbon-neutral electric air conditioning and heating, in-unit storage, no-cost high-speed broadband internet, and private patios or balconies.

Support services will be provided by the YWCA of Rochester and will include case management, education, job training, assistance with daily living skills, and safety planning.

Applicant: H.E.L.P. Social Service Corporation (HSSC)

HHAP ID#: 2022-008

Project Name: Park Place Apartments/Vital Brooklyn Site I (VBK I)

County: Kings

Total Project Cost: \$31,419,623

Summary of Project: HSSC requested \$3,140,000 in HHAP funds to develop 8 units (24 beds) of PSH in Brooklyn for chronically homeless families. This is part of a larger project with 44 units (70 beds), which will also have 36 low-income units ranging from 50%-80% of the AMI. This application

proposes the new construction of a five-story building that will include a community room, laundry room, and a small garden. This project will be adjacent to a neighborhood health center.

Support services will be provided by HSSC and will include case management, health and dental services, financial counseling, employment assistance, and family support services.

Applicant: Helio Health, Inc. (Helio)

HHAP ID#: 2022-009

Project Name: The Court Street Apartments

County: Broome

Total Project Cost: \$38,376,745

Summary of Project: Helio requested \$4,975,000 in HHAP funds to develop 54 units (56 beds) of PSH in Binghamton. Twenty-nine units will be for individuals or a family where the head of household has a SUD, 12 units for homeless veterans and 13 units for individuals with a SMI. This is part of a larger project with 108 units (185 beds), which will also have 54 units for individuals or families in the community earning 60% of the AMI. This application proposes the gut rehab of a three-story building that was previously used as a manufacturing warehouse and the new construction of an addition to the existing building. There will also be support service offices, community rooms, a fitness center, lounges, laundry rooms, and trash rooms.

Support services will be provided by Helio for the SUD population and by Eagle Star Housing for the SMI and veteran population. Services will include case management, financial literacy, health literacy, employment readiness, transportation, life skills, and individual and group meetings.

Applicant: The Bridge, Inc.

HHAP ID#: 2022-010

Project Name: Boone Avenue Apartments

County: Bronx

Total Project Cost: \$38,612,798

Summary of Project: The Bridge requested \$3,152,138 in HHAP funds to develop 51 units/beds of PSH in the Bronx for 12 homeless frail/elderly adults and 39 homeless individuals living with SMI. This is part of a larger project with 66 units (67 beds), which will also have 14 units providing supportive housing for seniors under the Affordable Independent Residences for Seniors (AIRS) program and one unit for the building superintendent.

Support services will be provided by The Bridge and include case management, crisis intervention, educational and vocational services, peer assistance, ADLs skills training, a Tenants' Association and family reintegration services. Referrals will be made for other services including psychiatric and primary medical care, substance use treatment, educational, recreational, and social groups, vocational training, and job placement assistance.

Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Funds

Since State Fiscal Year 2012-13, the HHAP Request for Proposals (RFP) awarded a portion of capital funds from the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) allocation plan. These MRT funds are intended to develop supportive housing targeted to homeless high-cost Medicaid users. This initiative has already shown significant savings by decreasing hospitalizations, shortening length of stay in long-term care facilities, and reducing unnecessary emergency room visits. It is also expected to continue to improve health outcomes by providing support services in stable, supportive housing settings. Projects eligible for MRT funds through the HHAP RFP must provide

permanent supportive housing to homeless single individuals who exhibit conditions or histories recognized as associated with high-cost Medicaid usage.

For SFY 2021-22, no MRT funds were allocated to HHAP. However, HHAP continues to support MRT-eligible projects through award of traditional HHAP funds. In 2018, a total of \$2,150,000 million in unspent MRT funding from a prior year was allocated to the CAMBA project, 2018-008. In 2019, an additional \$1,879,975 in MRT funding from a prior year's allocation, was also re-allocated to this same project.

*The chart on the next page lists all MRT-funded projects and the corresponding number of units.

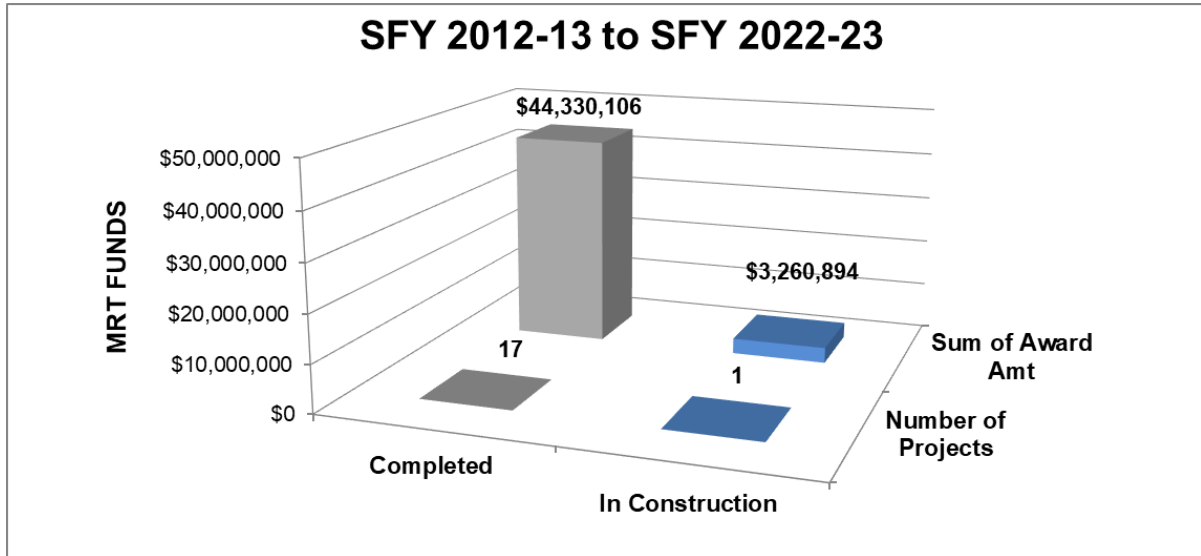
2022 MRT Accomplishments

During calendar year 2022, no MRT-funded project was completed. As of December 31, 2022, 18 projects have been awarded funds through MRT, for a total of \$47,591,036. A total of 17 MRT projects have been completed: one in 2013, three in 2014, one in 2016, three in 2017, five in 2018, two in 2019, one 2020, and one in 2021. One project is currently in construction.

Below is a chart of all MRT projects and their status:

Sponsor	# of Units	MRT Award	Status
2011-003 Providence Housing	21	\$1,989,957	Completed
2011-009 Opportunities for Broome	22	\$3,482,479	Completed
2012-006 Polish Community Center	20	\$3,655,438	Completed
2012-024 Mercy Haven	17	\$4,240,376	Completed
2012-028 Finger Lakes UCP	7	\$1,435,535	Completed
2013-028 Evergreen/ STEL	28	\$1,500,000	Completed
2013-030 Concern – Middle Island	37	\$5,423,913	Completed
2013-031 Mental Health Assoc. of Columbia/ Greene	15	\$1,730,131	Completed
2014-016 Common Ground – Park	20	\$2,000,000	Completed
2014-020 PCMH - Marion	50	\$4,230,769	Completed
2014-033 The Doe Fund - Webster	41	\$3,676,351	Completed
2015-003 Albany Damien Center	20	\$4,316,789	Completed
2015-006 Opportunities for Broome – Carroll St.	4	\$741,128	Completed
2015-018 JCTOD	8	\$800,000	Completed
2015-033 Housing Visions – Ethel Chamberlain	10	\$2,320,000	Completed
2015-035 St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery Centers, Inc.	5	\$711,189	Completed
2016-006 Polish Community Center of Buffalo	17	\$2,076,087	Completed
2018-008 CAMBA – 202 nd St.	77	\$3,260,894	In Construction
	419	\$47,591,036	

Status of MRT-Funded Projects



Existing Emergency Shelter Repair Funds

Since State Fiscal Year 2017-18, the HHAP RFP has awarded a portion of capital funds to existing emergency shelters for health and safety repairs. In support of the Governor's initiative to improve shelter conditions, up to \$1,000,000 of the HHAP annual appropriation has been made available for such repairs. Eligible applicants are owners or operators of existing emergency shelters outside of NYC. Funding is limited to proposals that will undertake facility improvements critical to the health and safety of shelter residents and/or assist the shelter with any current non-compliance issue(s), which the shelter does not otherwise have the means to remedy. Repair costs of up to \$100,000 per facility may be requested and no project may be awarded more than \$100,000 under this category.

2022 Shelter Repair Accomplishments

During calendar year 2022, five shelter repair projects were completed. As of December 31, 2022, 34 shelter repair projects have been awarded funds, for a total of \$2,789,762. One shelter repair project was completed in 2018, three in 2020, seven in 2021 and five in 2022. There are currently four projects in construction, three awards were withdrawn, and the remaining 11 projects are in pre-development.

Status of Existing Emergency Shelter Repair Funded Projects

Sponsor	County	Award Amount	Scope of Work	Status	Application Year
FSL – Brentwood	Suffolk	\$100,000	Repair to elevators and lighting in resident's rooms	In Construction	SFY 18-19
FSL – Terryville	Suffolk	\$100,000	Replacement of roof and windows	Pre-development	SFY 18-19
Genesis House of Olean	Cattaraugus	\$86,480	New HVAC and hot water heater. Upgrades to the insulation, security system, bathrooms, deck/stairs, interior and exterior lighting, updated wiring, a new electrical panel and new smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.	Pre-development/ In IRP	SFY 18-19
Joseph's House	Rensselaer	\$100,000	Replace windows and flooring	Pre-development/ In IRP	SFY 19-20
Saving Grace Ministries	Erie	\$94,355	Replace the boiler and update the flooring and fire safety system.	In Construction	SFY 19-20
Salvation Army of Schenectady	Schenectady	\$100,000	Replace windows, update electrical outlets and bathroom renovations	Pre-development	SFY 20-21

Sponsor	County	Award Amount	Scope of Work	Status	Application Year
St. Catherine's Center for Children/ Marillac Family Shelter	Albany	\$90,469	Replace gutters and HVAC	Pre-development	SFY 21-22
Soul Saving Station for Every Nation of Saratoga/ Mother Anderson 60 Caroline St.	Saratoga	\$40,000	Roof replacement, install security cameras, kitchen renovations, install tankless hot water heater, and a new fire alarm system	Pre-development	SFY 21-22
Soul Saving Station for Every Nation of Saratoga/ Mother Anderson 60 Henry St.	Saratoga	\$83,137	Roof replacement, install security cameras, install tankless hot water heater, and a new fire alarm system	In Construction	SFY 21-22
Providence House/ New Rochelle Shelter	Westchester	\$100,000	HVAC, windows and electrical upgrades	Pre-development	SFY 21-22
Penates, Inc./ 1373 Family shelter	Suffolk	\$100,000	New kitchen cabinetry, sinks, plumbing fixtures and appliances; and replacement of all flooring in resident units and commons areas.	Pre-development	SFY 21-22
Penates, Inc./ 1375 Family Shelter	Suffolk	\$100,000	New kitchen cabinetry, sinks, plumbing fixtures and appliances; and replacement of all flooring in resident units and commons areas.	Pre-development	SFY 21-22
Volunteers of America/ Binghamton Shelter	Broome	\$100,000	Repoint brick, masonry repairs to chimney and partial replacement/repair to concrete stairs.	In construction	SFY 21-22
United Veterans Beacon House	Suffolk	\$74,591	New siding, gutters, windows and doors.	Pre-development/ IRP	SFY 22-23
United Christian Advocacy Network (UCAN) City Mission	Chautauqua	\$100,000	HVAC upgrades	Pre-development	SFY 22-23

Existing Emergency Shelter Repair Projects Completed in 2022

**Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. dba IPH (IPH)
South Ferry
(2020-052S/HC01043)
Albany, Albany County**



IPH completed all emergency shelter repairs by January 2022. IPH received an \$100,000 emergency shelter repair award reservation in April 2021 to install an elevator in its medical respite emergency shelter, which provides 28 shelter beds in 11 congregate units for homeless individuals in Albany. The installed elevator allows all shelter residents access to units located on the second floor.

Other sources of development funding included the National Institute of Medical Respite Care, Troy Savings Bank, and private donations, for a total project cost of \$325,318.

Operating revenues include Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) and Rensselaer County DSS per diem payments, grants, and donations.

Support services are provided by IPH and include intensive health-focused care coordination, case management, transportation and assistance securing permanent housing.

The shelter is in the process of obtaining NYS certification through OTDA's Division of Shelter Oversight and Compliance (DSOC).

**Bethany House
Whitehouse
(2018-056S/HC00989)
Nassau County**



Bethany House completed repairs to its emergency shelter on February 28, 2022. Bethany House received a \$90,000 HHAP emergency shelter repair award reservation in August 2019 to improve the building conditions at the 13 unit/33-bed emergency shelter for women and children in Nassau County.

Operating revenue includes a per diem through Nassau County DSS, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds, and Bethany House funds.

Support services are provided by Bethany House and include case management, safe housing, and nutritious meals.

The shelter is in the process of obtaining NYS certification through OTDA's DSOC.

**JCTOD Outreach, Inc. (JCTOD)
(2020-060S/HC01033)
Utica, Oneida County**



JCTOD completed repairs to its emergency shelter on March 31, 2022. JCTOD received a \$97,000 HHAP emergency shelter repair award reservation in April 2021 for repairs to improve the building conditions at the Johnson Park Adult/Family Shelter located in Utica, Oneida County. The shelter consists of five units with nine beds for single women.

Operating revenue includes a per diem through Oneida County DSS.

Support services are provided by JCTOD and include overnight shelter, case management services, housing relocation assistance, and transportation services.

The shelter is in the process of obtaining NYS certification through OTDA's DSOC.

**Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. dba Caring for the Hungry & Homeless of Peekskill
(CHHOP)
Jan Peek Shelter
(2021-007S/HC01058)
Peekskill, Westchester County**



CHHOP completed work on their existing emergency shelter in August 2022. CHHOP received a \$26,623 HHAP emergency shelter repair award reservation in June 2021 for minor renovations of two full bathrooms at their existing four-unit (34-bed) emergency shelter for homeless single adults, known as Jan Peek House, in the City of Peekskill.

Operating revenue includes a per diem reimbursement through Westchester County DSS.

Support services are provided by CHHOP and include case management, housing search assistance, assistance in obtaining benefits, health care, mental health and substance use services, education and employment services, and legal services.

The shelter is in the process of obtaining NYS certification through OTDA's DSOC.

**Bethany House
Prospect
(2018-060S/HC00991)
Nassau County**



Bethany House completed repairs to its emergency shelter on November 18, 2022. Bethany House received a \$100,000 HHAP award reservation in July 2019 for the repairs needed to this 33-bed emergency shelter for women and children in Nassau County.

HHAP is the only source of development funding for this shelter repair.

Operating revenues include per diem from Nassau County, FEMA funds, and Bethany House funds as needed.

Support services are provided by Bethany House and include case management, health care, daily meals, activities of daily living, assistance in obtaining benefits, education and employment services, and support as needed.

The shelter is in the process of obtaining NYS certification through OTDA's DSOC.

Operational Portfolio – Summary of 2022 Activities and Accomplishments

HHAC has continued active oversight and support of its portfolio of operating projects through monitoring, reporting, and provision of technical assistance. In addition, HHAC is responsible for the review and approval of requests to draw upon HHAC-funded reserves, the procurement of TA providers, auditing services for HHAC's annual audit, and compliance with the Public Authorities Law.

HHAP's portfolio of operating homeless housing projects currently consists of 402 projects and 558 sites. These projects provide a total of 10,802 units and 17,851 beds. The value of the portfolio in terms of the HHAP investment is \$942,907,090.13. While 14 new projects became operational in 2022, the operational phases for 13 projects ended in 2022. These projects were removed from the portfolio figures.

Oversight

HHAP reviews projects' annual operating reports that include project operating data, budgets, audited financial statements, a description of support services and tenant accomplishments and documentation of insurance and payment of taxes. In addition to reviewing the annual reports, OTDA staff complete regular monitoring visits. In 2022, monitoring returned to normal after obligatory remote monitoring necessitated by the pandemic. The reporting and monitoring process affords the opportunity to correct minor operational and contract compliance issues, as well as provide informal technical assistance to improve the operation and viability of HHAP projects.

Technical Assistance

HHAP manages the procurement and provision of professional Technical Assistance (TA) resources to assist HHAP projects in development and operation. In 2021, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for TA services was released to procure TA providers for a five-year period from 2021-2026. HHAP provided a range of technical assistance to various operational projects during 2022 including, but not limited to, emergency repairs, capital needs assessment, property management, audit review, budget review, agency budgetary assistance, and legal assistance.

Conclusion

New York was the first state in the nation to create a state-funded program dedicated solely to the development of housing for homeless families and individuals. In creating HHAP, New York developed a unique program with the ability to meet many distinct and dynamic local needs. The population served by HHAP consists of extremely low-income households, typically with multiple barriers to remaining independently housed. Disabilities such as mental illness, substance use disorder, or health conditions often compound issues such as lack of education, negative employment history, and lack of basic skills. These factors often result in an inability to obtain and retain affordable, stable housing. The primary focus of traditional housing programs is to provide housing only. In contrast, the goal of HHAP is to provide housing accompanied by a range of support services needed to assist formerly homeless individuals and families and help them remain stably housed.

The architects of HHAP recognized that New York's most vulnerable, economically disadvantaged people need more than a roof over their heads in order to achieve the greatest level of independence possible. In addition to affordable housing, many homeless families and individuals need assistance connecting with critical baseline services such as public assistance, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicaid in order to achieve basic stability. Once stabilized and in affordable housing, these individuals and families can then focus on long-term objectives such as family reunification, education and employment.

Subsequent to the establishment of HHAP, New York created a number of wrap-around support service programs that assist homeless and at-risk households. These programs, also administered by OTDA, are designed to provide critical financial assistance to not-for-profit operators of supportive housing. These services ensure the long-term financial viability of HHAP projects and appropriate services to homeless residents.

OTDA collaborates with social services districts across the state. OTDA also works with federal funders, other State agencies and not-for-profit partners to meet emergent local needs. In many instances, without HHAP funding, critically necessary emergency or transitional housing needs would go unmet because HHAP is the only State funding source available to address them.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an undeniable impact on HHAP and its not-for-profit partners. While supportive housing construction was deemed essential – and continued throughout the pandemic – HHAP experienced cost increases, delays in obtaining materials, and social distancing constraints that impacted the availability of the trades workforce. The current labor market also continues to present staffing challenges to our community partners.

The need for HHAP is greater than ever, and the program remains a cost-effective housing solution. The cost effectiveness of supportive housing has been well documented by leading experts who have proven that supportive services can result in reductions in shelter stays, emergency health services, incarceration and institutionalization. (See The National Academic Press 2018; The British Journal of Social Work 2017; the Social Services Review 2014). In summary, HHAP projects provide localities with a cost-effective tool to reduce homelessness in communities across the State.

Glossary

AMI – Area Median Income

CIF – Community Investment Fund

CofO – Certificate of Occupancy

DSOC – OTDA’s Division of Shelter Oversight and Compliance

DSS – Department of Social Services

DV – Domestic Violence

ESSHI- Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency

FHTF – Federal Housing Trust Fund

FHLB – Federal Home Loan Bank

HASA – NYC HIV/AIDS Services Administration

HCR – NYS Homes and Community Renewal

HFA – NYS Housing Finance Agency

HHAC – Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation

HHAP – Homeless Housing and Assistance Program

HPD – NYC Housing Preservation and Development

HRA – NYC Human Resource Administration

HTF – Housing Trust Fund

HUD – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

LIHTC – Low-Income Housing Tax Credits

LISC – Local Initiatives Support Corporation

MRT – Medicaid Redesign Team

NYSERDA – NYS Energy Research Development Authority

OMH – NYS Office of Mental Health

OTDA – NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

PSH – Permanent Supportive Housing

RFP – Request for Proposals

RFQ – Request for Qualifications

ROS – Rest of State

SFY – State Fiscal Year

SHOP – Supportive Housing Opportunity Program

SHLP – Supportive Housing Loan Program

SMI – Serious Mental Illness

SRO – Single Room Occupancy

SUB – Suburban

SUD – substance use disorder

TA – Technical Assistance

TCO – Temporary Certificate of Occupancy