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Introduction

The Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP), created in 1983, celebrated its 40th anniversary of providing 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 shelters, 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 realm 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.

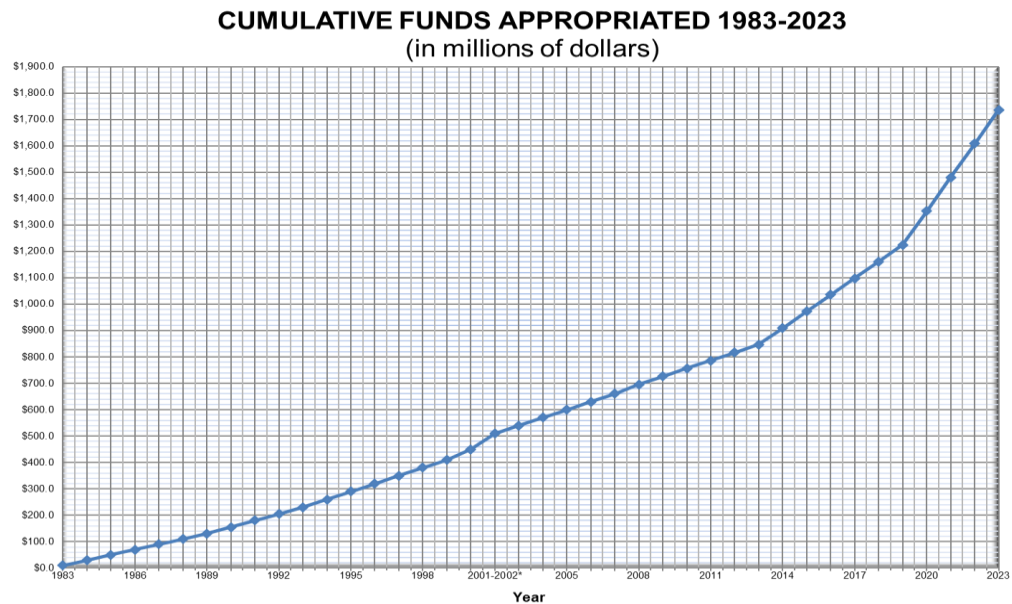
In many instances, HHAP is the only State resource available to fund the capital development of these types of projects.

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.

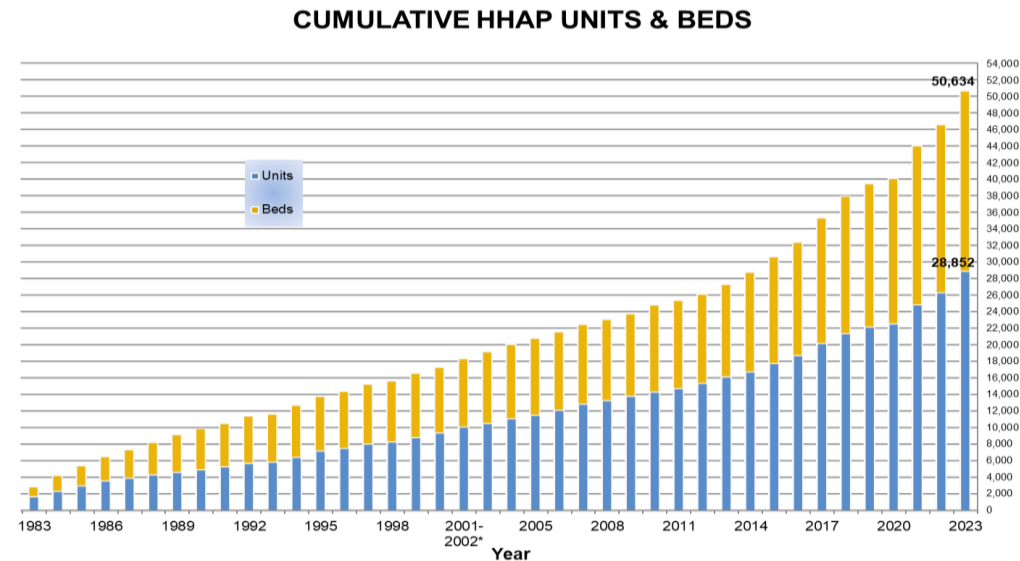
HHAP funds are awarded through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Applicants and awardees represent a broad range of non-profit and charitable organizations and have experience in housing development, management, and/or the provision of social services. A relatively small number of grants have also 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 2023, New York State has appropriated \$1,730,000,000 toward the development of 28,852 units of homeless housing.

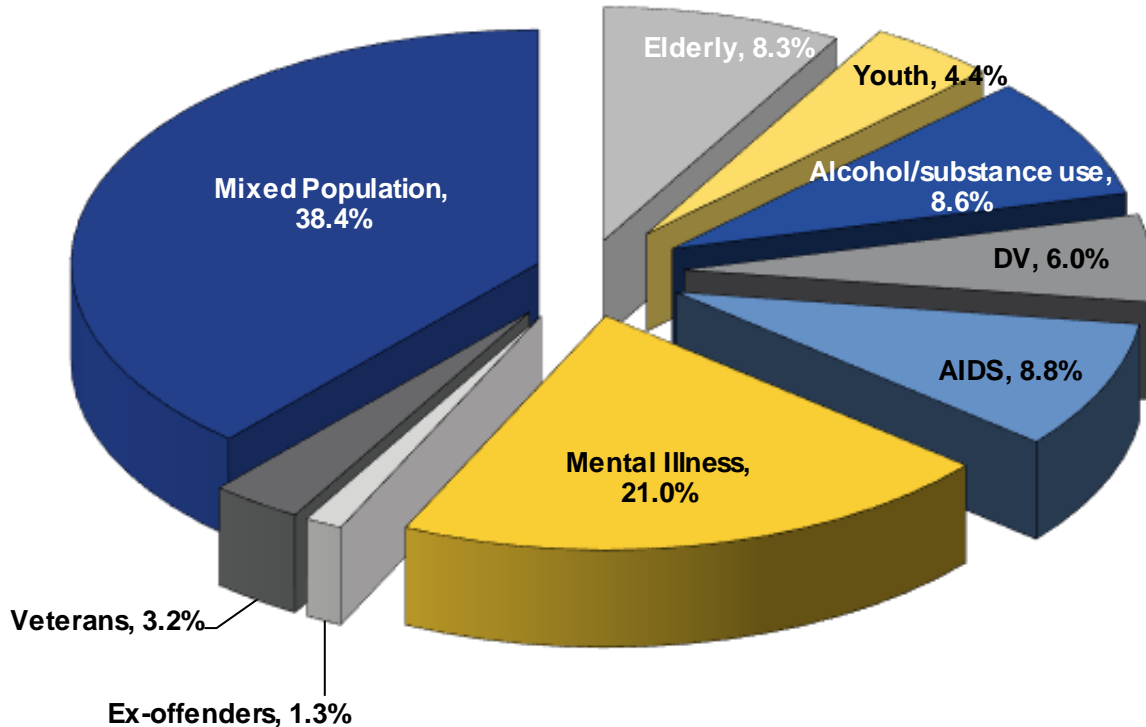


*SFY 2001-02 and 2002-03 appropriations were combined into one funding round.



Populations Served by HHAP

Special Population Units Awarded 1983-2023



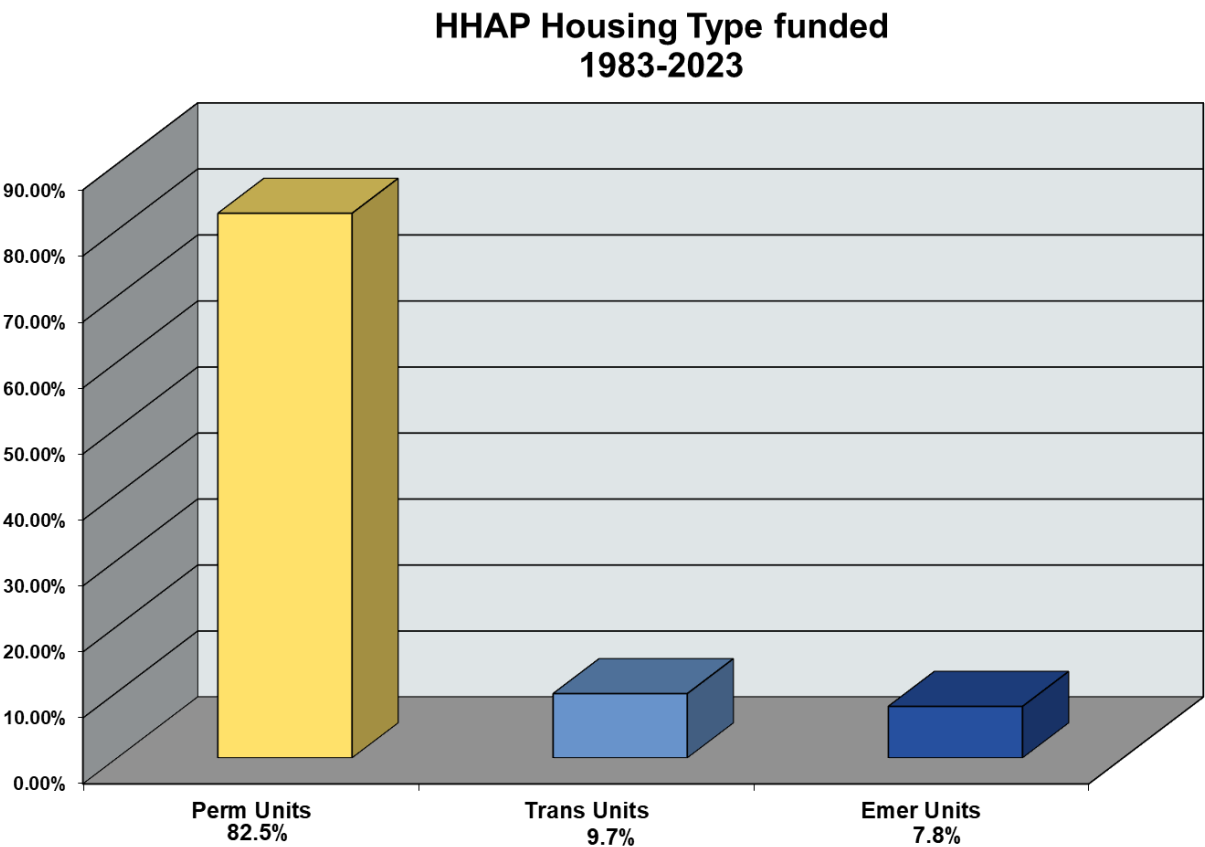
Homelessness is often the result of underlying challenges that families and individuals must address to attain the highest possible level of independence. Based on community need, HHAC selects projects that target specific homeless sub-populations. Over the history of HHAP, funding has been provided 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 40 years HHAP has been in operation, 894 projects throughout the State were approved for funding. Of these, 67 withdrew their funding reservation, which resulted in a total of 827 funded projects. These funded projects have yielded 28,852 units of housing with a total of 50,634 beds.

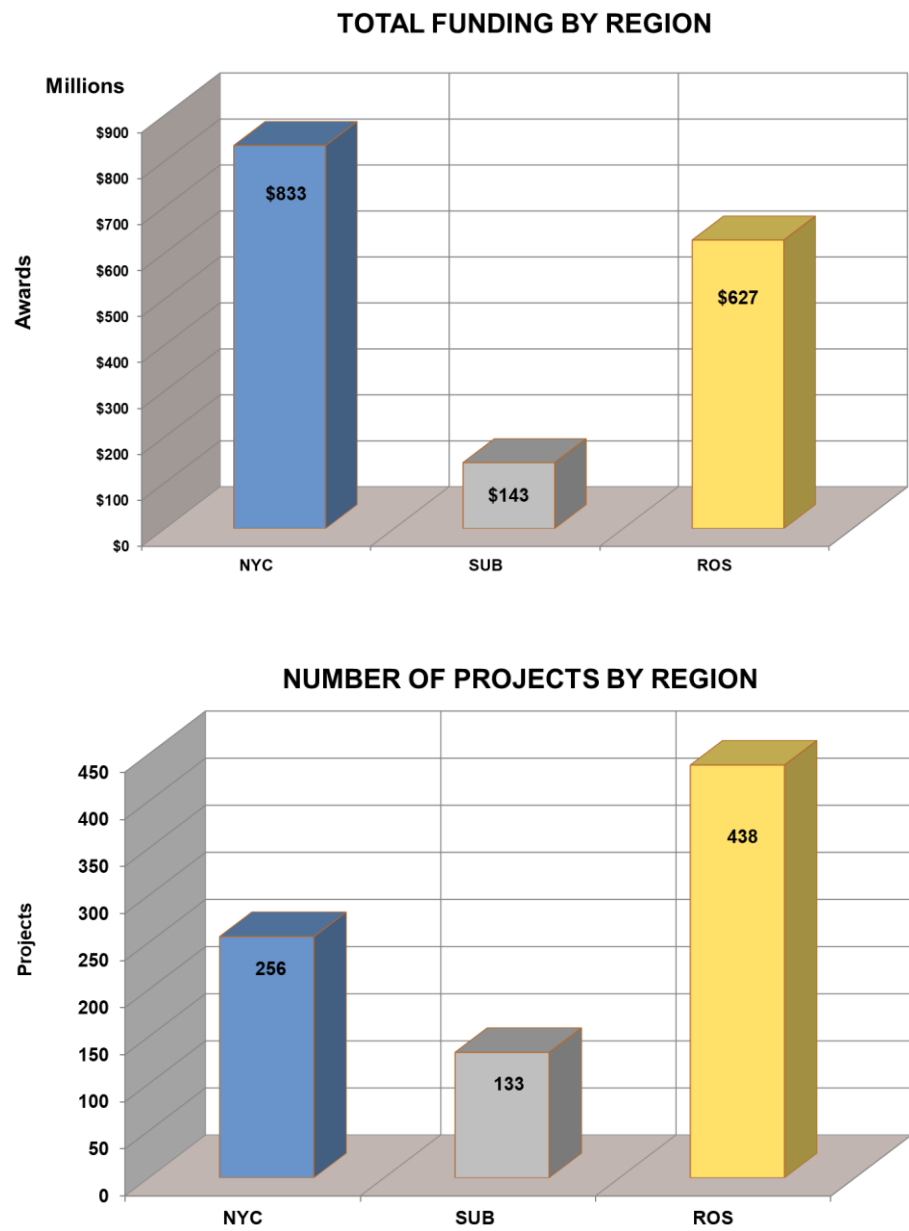
Over 82% of the units that HHAP funded provide permanent housing for homeless families and individuals. The remaining units provide housing in a transitional setting (generally up to 24 months) or on an emergency basis (30 days or less).



Regional Development

HHAP Projects Awarded by Region (1983–2023)

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.



HHAP Projects Awarded by County (1983 – 2023*)

New York City & Suburbs

County	Number of Projects	Amount Awarded
New York City		
NYC Total	256	\$833,085,598
Suburban		
Nassau	16	\$18,891,031
Suffolk	64	\$61,803,847
Westchester	53	\$62,570,072
Suburban Total	133	\$143,264,950

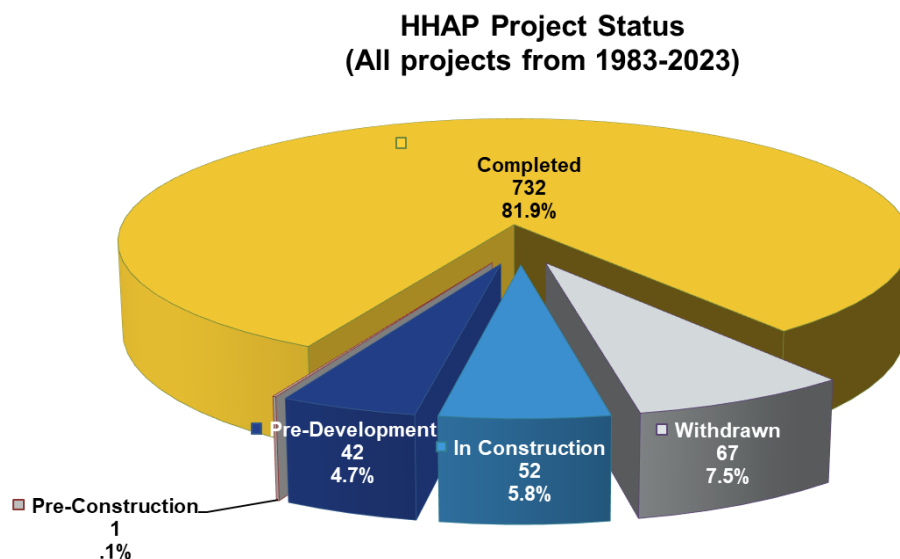
Rest of State

County	Number of Projects	Amount Awarded
Albany	42	\$52,951,622
Allegany	3	\$1,577,503
Broome	20	\$43,873,925
Cattaraugus	12	\$10,402,792
Cayuga	5	\$9,644,126
Chautauqua	12	\$13,315,266
Chemung	1	\$173,012
Chenango	2	\$4,522,569
Clinton	5	\$2,102,365
Columbia	6	\$3,027,695
Cortland	2	\$2,033,673
Dutchess	10	\$7,019,209
Dutchess/Ulster	1	\$950,000
Erie	48	\$79,870,134
Essex	1	\$74,000
Franklin	13	\$15,059,097
Fulton	3	\$4,622,858
Greene	1	\$152,000
Genesee	1	\$5,514,760
Herkimer	1	\$219,265
Jefferson	7	\$5,308,814
Livingston	3	\$1,201,173
Madison	4	\$6,484,378
Monroe	44	\$87,223,845
Montgomery	2	\$6,408,844
Niagara	11	\$12,367,498
Oneida	21	\$29,861,978
Onondaga	24	\$33,887,218

County	Number of Projects	Amount Awarded
Ontario	7	\$11,194,488
Orange	11	\$17,146,729
Orleans	1	\$524,985
Oswego	5	\$8,937,370
Otsego	3	\$1,514,559
Putnam	3	\$1,021,067
Rensselaer	17	\$28,743,569
Rockland	4	\$6,904,896
Saratoga	10	\$8,800,905
Seneca	1	\$1,043,899
Schenectady	11	\$30,684,734
Schoharie	2	\$345,290
St. Lawrence	12	\$13,009,904
Steuben	9	\$7,667,307
Sullivan	2	\$258,321
Tioga	3	\$1,016,752
Tompkins	8	\$14,719,985
Ulster	10	\$19,747,490
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	438	\$627,359,473
Withdrawals	67	\$0
Grand Total	894	\$1,603,710,021

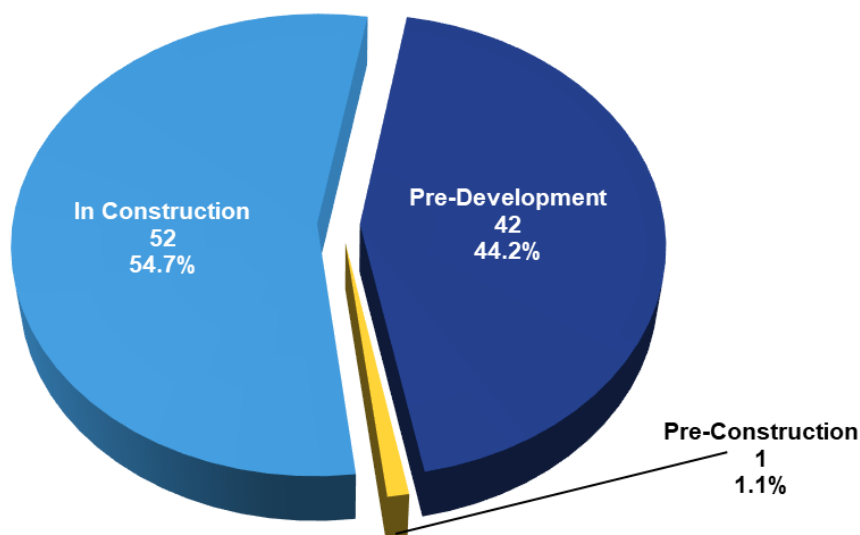
HHAP Project Status

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 82% have been successfully completed. Currently 10.6% percent of all HHAP projects are in pre-development, preconstruction or in construction, and 7.5% have been withdrawn due to unforeseen issues.



The following chart denotes the development status of all HHAP projects that were in the development/construction process as of December 31, 2023.

Total HHAP Projects in Development/Construction
December 31, 2023



2023 Accomplishments

HHAP Projects Completed in 2023

During calendar year 2023, 19 HHAP projects completed construction, which resulted in the preservation or creation of 478 units and 696 beds of supportive housing. This represents a HHAP investment of over \$62.3 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 14 completed projects that included HHAP funds:

Delta Development of Western NY, Inc. (Delta)
Angela’s House
(2019-003/HC01011)
Cheektowaga, Erie County



Delta received a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) on March 3, 2023. Delta received a \$3,692,030 HHAP award reservation in October 2019 for the substantial rehabilitation of one wing of a large mixed-use building that created 21 units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) for homeless individuals aged 55 and over and 46 units for low-income individuals in Cheektowaga, Erie County.

Other sources of development funding include Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) equity and Supportive Housing Opportunity Program (SHOP) from NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), Federal and State Historic Tax Credits, Cheektowaga HOME funds, a deferred developer's fee, and a NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) incentive, for a total project cost of \$22,884,200.

Operating revenues include Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) for 21 units, administered by NYS Department of Health (DOH), and tenant rents.

Support services are provided by Catholic Charities of Buffalo and include case management, care coordination, senior social services, physical and behavioral health services, money management services, clothing closet, food pantry, independent living skills training, legal services, job training, and veterans' services.

**Catholic Charities of Onondaga County (CCOC)
Housing Services Center and Shelter
(2021-038/HC01064)
Syracuse, Onondaga County**



CCOC received a Certificate of Occupancy (CofO) on March 22, 2023. CCOC received a \$5,943,429 HHAP award reservation in February 2022 for acquisition, construction and rehabilitation costs to relocate its existing men's shelter from downtown to East Syracuse. The new shelter provides 80 beds of emergency housing for homeless individuals in Onondaga County.

Other sources of development funding include Onondaga County funding, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds, and a sponsor contribution, for a total development cost of \$11,934,316.

Operating revenues include a per diem reimbursement through Onondaga County Department of Social Services and CCOC funding sources, including the United Way of Central New York, Hope Appeal, and private contributions.

Support services are provided by CCOC and include case management, health care, mental health and substance use services, daily living skills training, assistance in obtaining benefits, and education and employment services.

**Greater Opportunities for Broome and Chenango, Inc. (Greater Opportunities)
(2019-004/HC01014)
Binghamton, Broome County**



Greater Opportunities received a TCO on March 31, 2023, for the last of four sites. Greater Opportunities received a \$7,536,570 HHAP award reservation in October 2019 for the rehabilitation of 27 units, across four sites of PSH in Binghamton. Six units are reserved for homeless individuals and families where the head of household is living with a serious mental illness (SMI), six units are reserved for homeless individuals and families where the head of household has a substance use disorder (SUD), five units are reserved for survivors of domestic violence, two units are reserved for homeless youth aging out of foster care, two units are reserved for homeless young adults ages 18-25, three units are reserved for homeless individuals who were formerly incarcerated, and three units are reserved for homeless veterans.

Other sources of development funding include funding from the City of Binghamton, for a total project cost of \$8,113,547.

Operating revenues include ESSHI, administered by the OTDA, for all 27 units, tenant rents, and funds through a Community Services Block Grant, administered by the NYS Department of State (DOS).

Support services are provided by Greater Opportunities' Housing Family Advocates and include case management, life skills education and training, employment skills training, budgeting, and transportation.

**DePaul Properties, Inc. (DePaul)
Batavia Special Needs Apartments
(2020-001/HC01044)
Batavia, Genesee County**



DePaul received a TCO on May 25, 2023. DePaul received a \$5,514,760 HHAP award reservation in February 2021 for the new construction of 20 units of PSH for homeless individuals living with a SMI and homeless individuals aged 55 and older in Batavia. This is an addition to an existing affordable housing project developed and operated by DePaul and has been in-service since 2009. Thirty-one units are funded through the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) and 11 units are for households earning at or below 60% of the area median income (AMI), for a total of 62 units.

Other sources of development funding include an existing replacement reserve, a NYSERDA grant, a OMH Program Development Grant (PDG), and a contribution from the sponsor, for a total project cost of \$6,058,301.

Operating revenues include ESSHI for 20 units, administered by OMH, and tenant rents.

Support services are provided by DePaul and other community organizations and include case management, mental health advocacy, benefit advocacy, independent living skills training, vocational training, substance use treatment, and domestic violence services.

**Veterans Outreach Center (VOC)
Richard's House
(2020-034/HC01045)
Rochester, Monroe County**



VOC received a TCO on June 5, 2023. VOC received a \$2,000,000 HHAP award reservation in February 2021 for the substantial rehabilitation of Richard's House, their existing three-story structure located in Rochester. The project will preserve 30 units of transitional housing for veterans and will create an additional 16 beds for homeless veterans, including those with a SMI, who are physically disabled and/or have a SUD.

Other sources of development funding include the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) and NYS Office of General Services (OGS), VOC savings and investments, and private donors and foundations, for a total project cost of \$6,222,388.

Operating revenues include a grant and per diem through the VA, a VA Contract Residential, Monroe County Emergency Services Grant, and funding through the City of Rochester Courts Bureau.

Support services are provided by VOC and include case management, housing searches and placement, financial intelligence and budgeting, peer mentoring, education counseling, family reunification counseling, individual and group substance use counseling, benefits counseling, legal services and counseling, job placement and training services, transportation services and mental health services.

**H.E.L.P. Development Corp. (HELP)
HELP Hinsdale B
(2020-007/HC01039)
Brooklyn, Kings County**



HELP received a TCO on July 19, 2023. HELP received a \$3,000,000 HHAP award reservation in February 2021 for the new construction of 43 units of PSH for chronically homeless individuals in Brooklyn. An additional 28 units will be reserved for low-income individuals and families for a total of 71 units of housing.

Other sources of development funding include LIHTC equity through NYC Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), solar tax credits, and a sponsor contribution, for a total project cost of \$33,399,601.

Operating revenues include NYC 15/15 services funding with rental assistance, as well as commercial and tenant rents.

Support services are provided by HELP and include case management, economic/self-sufficiency workshops, employment readiness, medical care (offsite at a neighboring HELP property), crisis intervention services, and services for survivors of domestic violence/crime victims' assistance.

**Concern for Independent Living, Inc. (Concern)
Concern Warwick
(2018-028/HC01012)
Brooklyn, Kings County**



Concern received a TCO on August 17, 2023. Concern received a \$3,771,424 HHAP award reservation in December 2018 for the new construction of 35 units of PSH for adults with a SMI in Brooklyn. An additional 22 units are reserved for low-income individuals and families who earn up to 60% of the AMI. There is also a two-bedroom unit for a live-in superintendent, for a total of 58 units.

Other sources of development funding include LIHTC and Supportive Housing Loan Program (SHLP) through HPD, a construction loan from Community Preservation Corporation (CPC), and a deferred developer's fee, for a total project cost of \$28,089,487.

Operating revenues include NYC 15/15 services funding and rental assistance, eight Project-Based Section 8 vouchers (PBV), and tenant rents.

Support services are provided onsite by Concern and include case management, 24-hour crisis intervention, medication management training, symptom management, SUD services, daily living skills training, financial assistance including assistance obtaining benefits, vocational training, socialization and community integration assistance, and rehabilitative counseling.

**Concern for Independent Living, Inc. (Concern)
CHP St. James
(2019-007/HC01013)
Bronx, Bronx County**



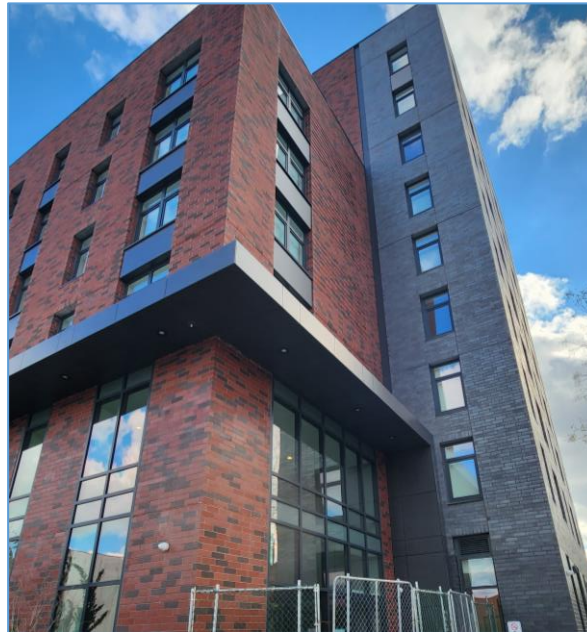
Concern obtained a TCO on August 31, 2023. Concern received a \$4,950,000 HHAP award reservation in November 2019 for the new construction of 51 units of PSH for homeless adults with an SMI in the Bronx. An additional 50 units are reserved for low-income individuals and families who earn up to 60% of the AMI. There is a two-bedroom unit for a live-in superintendent, for a total of 102 units. The building also includes a new community service facility that will be leased back to the adjacent St. James Episcopal Church to provide a variety of social service programs, including a food pantry with hot meal service.

Other sources of development funding include NYS Housing Finance Agency (HFA) bond financing, 4% LIHTC and SHOP through HCR, an OMH PDG, a seller's note, accrued interest, a deferred developer's fee, and an equity contribution, for a total project cost of \$64,264,334.

Operating revenues include ESSHI, administered by OMH, for 51 units and tenant rents.

Support services are provided onsite by Concern and include case management, 24-hour crisis intervention, medication management training, symptom management, substance use disorder services, daily living skills training, financial assistance including assistance obtaining benefits, vocational training, socialization and community integration assistance, and rehabilitative counseling.

**H.E.L.P. Development Corporation (HELP)
HELP ONE Building A
(2020-003/HC01042)
Brooklyn, Kings County**



HELP received a TCO on October 10, 2023. HELP received a \$5,000,000 HHAP award reservation in February 2021 for the new construction of 111 units of PSH for youth ages 18-25 with a young child or pregnant in Brooklyn. An additional 73 units will be reserved for low-income individuals and families for a total of 184 units.

Other sources of development funding include NYC Housing Development Corporation (HDC) bond financing and Extremely Low and Low-Income Affordability Program (ELLA) funds, LIHTC and solar tax credit equity, HPD SHLP, a NYSERDA incentive, accrued interest and a deferred developer fee for a total development cost of \$96,405,310.

Operating revenues include NYC 15/15 rental assistance with services funding, as well as commercial and tenant rents.

Support services are provided by HELP and include case management, economic/self-sufficiency workshops, employment readiness, medical care (offsite at a neighboring HELP property), crisis intervention services, childcare and parenting services, and supports.

**Catholic Charities of Onondaga County of Syracuse, NY (CCOC)
(2021-044/HC01070)
Syracuse, Onondaga County**



CCOC received a CofO on October 24, 2023. CCOC received a \$1,230,769 HHAP award reservation in April 2022 for the new construction of eight units of PSH for chronically homeless individuals in Syracuse. The apartments are adjacent to the CCOC Housing Services Center shelter, integrating all of CCOC's housing and relocation services.

Other sources of development funding include a sponsor contribution, for a total project cost of \$2,608,901.

Operating revenue includes ESSHI, administered by OTDA and tenant rents.

Support services are provided by CCOC and include case management, assistance with obtaining/maintaining benefits, crisis support, legal assistance, employment support, counseling services, and transportation.

Bethesda House of Schenectady, Inc. (Bethesda)
(2020-035/HC01048)
Schenectady, Schenectady County



Bethesda received a CofO on October 26, 2023. Bethesda received a \$6,238,769 HHAP award reservation in February 2021 and an award increase of \$242,180 due to unforeseen construction costs on February 22, 2022. The total award of \$6,480,949 was for the new construction of 26 units of PSH for 10 chronically homeless individuals and 16 ex-offenders re-entering the community, as well as 11 units/16 beds of emergency housing for homeless adults in Schenectady.

Other sources of development funding include NYSERDA, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (FHLBNY), Schenectady County, the Wright Family Foundation, the Golub Family Foundation, a sponsor loan, and contributions, for a total project cost of \$8,563,561.

Operating revenues include ESSHI, administered by OTDA, for 26 units and a per diem from the Schenectady County Department of Social Services for 16 emergency beds.

Support services are provided by Bethesda and include case management, physical and mental health care services, life skills education, sexual assault services/support, domestic violence support, substance use screening, representative payee program, eligibility screening, application assistance, and job training.

**Homes for Heroes, Inc. (HfH)
Homes for Heroes Veterans Apartments
(2020-017/HC01053)
Camp Shanks, Rockland County**



HfH received a CofO on December 20, 2023. HfH received a \$3,000,000 HHAP award reservation in February 2021 for the new construction of 14 units/14 beds of PSH on the former military station, Camp Shanks, in Rockland County. This project represents the second phase of a two-phase project. The project will provide housing for veterans from Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, and Westchester counties.

Other sources of development funding include NYS HCR Housing Trust Fund (HTF), a NYSERDA incentive, FHLBNY and HfH equity for a total project cost of \$5,383,632.

Operating revenues include ESSHI, administered by OTDA, and tenant rents.

Support services are provided by Loeb House and include case management, job readiness training, job search assistance, housing stability, healthcare, and service coordination.

**Person Centered Housing Options, Inc. (PCHO)
Cecilia's Place
(2020-018/HC01047)
Rochester, Monroe County**



PCHO received a CofO on December 27, 2023. PCHO received a \$4,319,485 HHAP award reservation in February 2021 and received an additional \$635,144 award increase in March 2023 due to unforeseen construction costs, for a total HHAP investment of \$4,954,629 for the rehabilitation of a historic building in Rochester. Cecilia's Place will create 15 units/beds of PSH for chronically homeless individuals.

Other sources of development funding include State and Federal Historic Tax Credits (HTC) equity and a NYSERDA incentive, for a total project cost of \$6,483,836.

Operating revenue includes ESSHI, administered by OTDA.

Support services are provided by PCHO and include care management, peer supports, budgeting and employment activities, medication monitoring, education services, life skills training, and transportation.

**Citizen Advocates, Inc. (CAI)
Harison Place
(2020-020/HC01055)
Malone, Franklin County**



CAI received a CofO on December 29, 2023. CAI received a \$4,800,000 HHAP award reservation in February 2021 for the new construction of 20 units/47 beds of PSH for homeless individuals and families where the head of the household is living with an SMI, an SUD, or co-occurring SMI and SUD, in Malone. Of the HHAP units, there will be 12 SMI units and eight SUD units. An additional 20 units will be reserved for low-income individuals and families who earn between 50% and 60% of the AMI, for a total of 40 units.

Other sources of development funding include LIHTC equity, Community Investment Fund (CIF) and SHOP from HCR; FHLBNY; NYS Empire State Development (ESD) funding; NYSEDA incentives; a sponsor loan and a deferred developer fee for a total project cost of \$21,734,911.

Operating revenues include ESSHI, administered by the OMH, for 20 units, as well as tenant and commercial rents.

Support services are provided on-site by CAI as well as off-site through linkage agreements with various community agencies and include individualized case management, entitlement advocacy, benefits advocacy, budget management, employment assistance, transportation assistance, daily living skills training and crisis support.

Funds Awarded Through the HHAP Request for Proposals 2023 Calendar Year Awards (SFY 2022-23 and SFY 2023-24 HHAP)

To address the increased need for supportive housing for homeless families and individuals, the appropriation for HHAP doubled to \$128 million in SFY 2019-20. The SFY 2022-23 and 2023-24 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 2022-23 to 2023-24.

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 2022-23 and SFY 2023-24 HHAP RFP established certain funding priorities, including supportive housing projects that:

- Propose supportive housing developed using services and operating funding obtained through ESSHI; or
- Propose supportive housing projects targeted to veterans. Such projects may serve single homeless veterans or homeless veterans and their families. 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.
- 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 2023-24.

The SFY 2023-24 HHAP RFP continued the Existing Emergency Shelter Repair Initiative through the 2023 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 \$150,000 per facility are permitted. Five emergency shelter repair awards, totaling \$425,810 were awarded in calendar year 2023. Three awards were made from the SFY 2022-23 appropriation and two from SFY 2023-24.

SFY 2022-23 HHAP Awards

As of August 2, 2023, 11 awards were made from the SFY 2022-23 HHAP appropriation. These 11 projects will create 791 units/976 beds of permanent supportive housing and 32 new units/80 new beds of emergency housing. The homeless populations served will include chronically homeless individuals and families, veterans, those suffering from SMI, individuals re-entering the community from incarceration, survivors of domestic violence, individuals with a SUD, and homeless seniors over the age of 55. In addition, the three Existing Emergency Shelter Repair projects awarded in 2023 from the SFY 2022-23 appropriation, collectively provide 92 units/341 beds of emergency shelter for individuals and families in Albany, Oneida, and Orange counties.

Applicant: The Salvation Army

HHAP ID#: 2022-017

Project Name: Hope on Main

County: Erie

Total Project Cost: \$14,638,368

Summary of Project: The Salvation Army requested \$10,000,000 in HHAP funds to develop 32 units/80 beds of emergency housing for homeless families in Buffalo. The new shelter will replace The Salvation Army's current 77-bed shelter that is located on another parcel, so there will be no displacement of residents during construction. This new facility will have an 80-bed family shelter on the second and third floors and administrative and support services offices, a laundry facility, and space for program and service provision on the first floor.

Support services will be provided by The Salvation Army and include case management, daily living assistance, legal system advocacy, employment services, parenting support, childcare placement and services assistance, addiction and mental health services, and financial assistance.

Applicant: Breaking Ground II HDFC (Breaking Ground)

HHAP ID#: 2022-024

Project Name: 90 Sands Street

County: Kings

Total Project Cost: \$6,700,393

Summary of Project: Breaking Ground requested \$4,200,000 in HHAP funds to replace the heating system and the backup generator for a property located in Brooklyn that was converted from a hotel into permanent supportive and affordable housing. This project has 305 units/305 beds of PSH for homeless individuals living with a SMI and/or a SUD. This is part of a larger project with 491 units/577 beds where there are 185 units for members of the community with incomes ranging from 30% to 120% of the AMI and an additional unit for a building superintendent. Rent up of the units began in September of 2022.

Support services are provided by the Center for Urban and Community Services (CUCS) and include but are not limited to case management, referrals to community resources, benefit advocacy, employment services, and outreach and support groups.

Applicant: Fortune Society, Inc. (Fortune)

HHAP ID#: 2022-025

Project Name: The Castle IV Residence

County: New York

Total Project Cost: \$35,103,032

Summary of Project: Fortune requested \$9,099,668 in HHAP funds to develop 59 units/beds of PSH in Manhattan for justice-involved individuals experiencing homelessness. This is part of a larger project with 84 units/85 beds that will have 24 units for members of the community with incomes no greater than 60% AMI, and a superintendent's unit. This application proposes the significant rehab of a seven-story building that will include a community room, commercial-grade kitchen, laundry room, small backyard, and complimentary internet access.

Support services will be provided by Fortune and include case management, counseling and crisis intervention, legal assistance, public benefits management, transportation assistance, life skills training, family reunification support, health care management, and if needed, court advocacy, and alternatives to incarceration.

Applicant: Transitional Services for New York, Inc. (TSINY)

HHAP ID#: 2022-027

Project Name: 88-49 163rd Street Apartments

County: Queens

Total Project Cost: \$28,611,450

Summary of Project: TSINY requested \$4,000,000 in HHAP funds to construct a nine-story building, with 30 units/beds of PSH for individuals living with a SMI in Jamaica, Queens. This is part of a larger 50 unit/bed project which will have 20 community affordable housing units.

Support services will be provided by TSINY and include case management, service coordination, medication management, money management, independent living skills development, budgeting, cleaning skills, personal hygiene skills, cooking and meal preparation, education on the expectations of tenancy and tenant's rights, crisis intervention and conflict management, harm reduction services, referrals to educational and vocational support groups, community integration, recreation, and socialization activities, and peer support services.

Applicant: Geel Community Services, Inc. (Geel)

HHAP ID#: 2022-028

Project Name: Union Avenue

County: Bronx

Total Project Cost: \$7,506,969

Summary of Project: Geel requested \$2,800,000 in HHAP funds to preserve 29 units/beds of PSH in the Bronx for homeless individuals living with a SMI. The application proposes the replacement of the roof, HVAC system and all windows and plumbing throughout the building in addition to necessary repairs and improvements to the stairs, sidewalks, and lighting on the property.

Support services are be provided by Geel and include case management services which encompass resources to aid employment skills and job readiness, ensure proper access to medical care including primary and specialty health care providers, preventative health services, psychiatric and psychological services, substance use treatment, and increasing awareness of nutritional eating.

Applicant: DePaul Properties, Inc. (DePaul)

HHAP ID#: 2022-029

Project Name: Granary Apartments

County: Niagara

Total Project Cost: \$35,974,838

Summary of Project: DePaul requested \$6,920,000 in HHAP funds to develop 25 units/50 beds of PSH in Wheatfield for five homeless seniors and 20 homeless adults living with a SMI. This is part of a larger project with 80 units/143 beds which will also have 20 units set aside for individuals living with a SMI operated by Community Missions Niagara Frontier, Inc. and licensed and funded through OMH Treatment Apartment Program (TAP). There will also be 35 units for members of the community with incomes at or below 60% of the AMI. This application proposes the new construction of a three-story building, which includes laundry facilities, a community room, support service offices, and an exterior central courtyard.

Support services will be provided by DePaul Community Services, Inc. and include case management, independent living skills training, linkages to medical and behavioral health providers, crisis intervention, recreational activities, and transportation.

Applicant: Community Access, Inc.

HHAP ID#: 2022-035

Project Name: River II

County: Bronx

Total Project Cost: \$190,400,180

Summary of Project: Community Access requested \$9,800,000 in HHAP funds to develop 163 units/283 beds of PSH in the Bronx. Ninety-five units will be reserved for homeless individuals living with a SMI, eight units will be reserved for homeless veterans, and 60 units will be reserved for chronically homeless families. This is part of a larger 276 unit/539-bed project that will also have 113 community affordable housing units. The application proposed the new construction of a 19-story building that will have a commercial condominium on the first floor and residential units on floors two through 19. Additional amenities include a community room with a commercial kitchen, exercise room, laundry room, and computer room.

Support services will be provided by Community Access and include case management, assistance with financial management, independent living skills training, medication management, wellness self-management, access to on-site behavioral and primary care services, assistance obtaining benefits, education on areas including nutrition, physical and mental health, community resources, parenting skills development, healthy relationships, educational, vocational, and employment resources, relapse prevention and substance use risk reduction strategies, opportunities for peer support, and community building.

Applicant: Thankful Community Development Corporation

HHAP ID#: 2022-038

Project Name: Thankful Gardens

County: Erie

Total Project Cost: \$7,600,758

Summary of Project: Thankful Community Development Corporation requested \$4,470,005 in HHAP funds for the acquisition, substantial rehabilitation, and new construction of 20 units/26 beds of PSH in Buffalo. Thankful Gardens will serve homeless individuals and families with a SUD. This application proposes the new construction of two two-story buildings and the substantial rehabilitation of a third two-story building. The buildings will include laundry facilities, office space, and a management office.

Support services will be provided by BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. and include case management, assessment, and planning services.

Applicant: Mercy Haven, Inc.

HHAP ID#: 2022-042

Project Name: Hempstead Homeless Housing

County: Nassau

Total Project Cost: \$4,083,006

Summary of Project: Mercy Haven requested \$4,068,006 in HHAP funds to develop eight units/12 beds of PSH in Hempstead for chronically homeless individuals. The project consists of the renovation of two existing multi-unit residential homes on two separate sites with four units per site.

Support services will be provided by Mercy Haven and include independent living skill development, education services, legal services, benefit guidance, employment services, a food pantry, and mentoring.

Applicant: The YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County (The YWCA)

HHAP ID#: 2022-046

Project Name: Lisle Avenue Apartments

County: Broome

Total Project Cost: \$34,263,017

Summary of Project: The YWCA requested \$6,600,000 in HHAP funds to develop 38 units/68 beds of PSH in Binghamton for survivors of domestic violence. This is part of a larger project with 68 units/120 beds which will also have 30 units for individuals and families with incomes between 50% to 60% of the AMI. This application proposes the new construction of a four-story building for the residential component and the gut renovation of an adjacent building that will serve as a childcare center. In total, the project includes three separate properties which will be merged into a single campus with shared parking.

Support services will be provided by The YWCA and include case management, individualized service plans, primary and behavioral health supports, training for independent living skills, care coordination, wellness and nutritional support, benefit advocacy, and employment, volunteer, and educational training/services.

Applicant: Bowery Residents' Committee, Inc. (BRC)

HHAP ID#: 2022-048

Project Name: Hill Top Apartments

County: New York

Total Project Cost: \$168,386,058

Summary of Project: BRC requested \$10,000,000 in HHAP funds to develop 114 units/beds of PSH in Manhattan. Twenty-four units will be for homeless individuals aged 55 and older and 90 units will be for chronically homeless individuals living with a SMI and/or SUD. This is part of a larger project with 199 units/307 beds where the remainder are available for households earning up to 60% of the AMI. There is also one unit for a live-in superintendent, for a total of 200 units. This application proposes the demolition of the current building and new construction of a nine-story building with an elevator, a cellar and a 21,000-square-foot Community Service Center.

Support services will be provided by BRC and include case management, medical and behavioral health care coordination, benefits enrollment, independent living skills training, workforce development, and socialization and support opportunities.

SFY 2023-24 HHAP Awards

As of December 31, 2023, 10 awards have been made from the SFY 2023-24 HHAP appropriation. These 10 projects will create 526 units and 740 beds units of permanent supportive housing and will preserve another seven units with 21 beds. The homeless populations served will include chronically homeless individuals and families, veterans, those suffering from SMI, SUD, survivors of domestic violence, individuals re-entering the community from incarceration and homeless seniors over the age of 55. There have also been two new emergency shelter awards made to create 18 units and 46 beds of new emergency shelter. In addition, the two Existing Emergency Shelter Repair projects awarded in 2023 from the SFY 2023-24 appropriation collectively provide 13 units/34 beds of emergency shelter for singles and families in Clinton and Suffolk counties.

Applicant: Breaking Ground II HDFO (Breaking Ground)

HHAP ID#: 2023-001

Project Name: 1760 Third Avenue

County: New York

Total Project Cost: \$231,761,803

Summary of Project: Breaking Ground requested \$10,000,000 in HHAP funds to acquire and convert an existing 19-story building located in the East Harlem section of Manhattan into PSH. Most recently utilized as student dormitory housing, the building will be reconfigured to enlarge units and add kitchenettes, creating 217 studio units for homeless individuals. One hundred seventy-seven of these units will serve formerly homeless adults with a SMI, of which 60 units will be reserved for adults aged 55 and over, and 40 units will be dedicated to youth aging out of foster care. Two hundred sixteen units will be for members of the community earning between 60%-80% of the AMI. There will be one unit for a live-in superintendent, for a total of 434 units.

Support services will be provided by Breaking Ground and include individualized case management, entitlement advocacy, employment assistance, education assistance, assistance with daily living skills, assistance with resume writing, and transportation.

Applicant: WellLife Network, Inc. (WellLife)

HHAP ID#: 2023-002

Project Name: Medford Gardens

County: Suffolk

Total Project Cost: \$38,031,782

Summary of Project: WellLife requested \$7,990,000 in HHAP funds to develop 33 units/beds of PSH housing in Medford, Suffolk County. Seventeen units are for homeless single adults living with a SMI and 16 units are reserved for single adults experiencing chronic homelessness. This is part of a larger, age-restricted (55+), mixed-use development which will have 33 units for low-income residents with incomes at or below 60% of the AMI and one unit for a live-in superintendent, for a total of 67 units/69 beds. This application proposes the new construction of a fully electric and accessible three-story apartment building, featuring on-site laundry facilities on each floor, a community room, and an exercise/wellness room.

Support services will be provided by WellLife and include case management, primary health services, mental health counseling, crisis intervention, risk assessment/reduction and safety planning, relapse prevention, public benefits management and advocacy, employment and vocational training, ADL skills training, transportation services, community outings, and referrals to community resources as needed.

Applicant: Community Services for Every1, Inc. (CSE1)

HHAP ID#: 2023-004

Project Name: The Nest

County: Niagara

Total Project Cost: \$38,615,842

Summary of Project: CSE1 requested \$4,548,361 in HHAP funds to develop 18 units/26 beds of PSH in Niagara Falls for individuals and families who are survivors of domestic violence. This is part of a larger project with 73 units/103 beds, which includes 55 units for members of the community earning 50%, 60%, and 80% of the AMI. This application proposes the new construction of a six-story mixed-use building with a community room, on-site rental office, laundry facilities, tenant parking, and a greenspace with a playground. CSE1 will have a master lease for the commercial space to provide job readiness and workforce development for Niagara County residents.

Support services will be provided by CSE1 and include intensive case management, safety planning, counseling, pre-vocational training, independent living skills training, and employment and workforce development services.

Applicant: Greater Opportunities for Broome and Chenango, Inc. (Greater Opportunities)

HHAP ID#: 2023-005

Project Name: New Berlin Housing Project

County: Chenango

Total Project Cost: \$4,324,069

Summary of Project: Greater Opportunities requested \$4,324,069 in HHAP funds to develop 17 units/50 beds of PSH in New Berlin for chronically homeless individuals and families. Seven of these units will be preserved, while 10 new units will be added. This application proposes the moderate rehab of three buildings and the gut rehabilitation of one. The three buildings on Genesee Street are occupied by individuals and families who would be relocated to other apartments throughout Chenango County, including other apartments owned and operated by Greater Opportunities in New Berlin, during the renovation phase. Although these units are occupied, there are extensive repairs that are needed in these buildings for the properties to continue to be habitable.

Support services will be provided by Greater Opportunities and include case management, independent service plans, skill training, medication management, recovery support, and referrals to other community organizations.

Applicant: Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. (IPH)

HHAP ID#: 2023-008

Project Name: Amsterdam Shelter & Housing

County: Montgomery

Total Project Cost: \$6,135,844

Summary of Project: IPH requested \$5,828,844 in HHAP funds to develop 12 units/22 beds of emergency and PSH in Amsterdam for chronically homeless individuals. This application proposes the acquisition and substantial rehabilitation of a one-story building. The building will be divided in half – one side will have six units of PSH, and the other side will be a 16-bed year-round emergency shelter – each operating as a distinct program. There are currently no year-round emergency shelters in Montgomery County.

Support services will be provided by IPH and include onsite case management, life skills development, transportation assistance, furniture, clothing and household item assistance, budgeting assistance, socialization activities, meal planning and family reunification assistance. Offsite services include healthcare, mental health, substance use treatment and wellness services, legal services, domestic violence services, employment and vocational services.

Applicant: The Young Women's Christian Association of Rochester and Monroe County (YWCA)

HHAP ID#: 2023-010

Project Name: Persimmon Place

County: Monroe

Total Project Cost: \$4,526,513

Summary of Project: The YWCA requested \$4,066,513 in HHAP funds to develop 12 units/30 beds of emergency housing in Rochester for homeless families. The substantial rehabilitation of a

vacant former youth shelter is proposed with renovations to include health, safety and accessibility upgrades; updated laundry facilities; a playroom and game room for children; and onsite support service space. The YWCA intends to subdivide a small part of the property to use for future purposes. That portion of the property will be paid for by the YWCA.

Support services will be provided by YWCA and include case management, group and individual counseling, employment and education assistance, financial education, support accessing and maintaining entitlement benefits, parenting support, assistance connecting with primary health and dental care, and referrals into the community for additional supports as needed.

Applicant: Family of Woodstock, Inc. (FOW)

HHAP ID#: 2023-011

Project Name: Golden Hill

County: Ulster

Total Project Cost: \$80,036,226

Summary of Project: FOW requested \$15,000,000 in HHAP funds to develop 48 units/96 beds of PSH in Kingston for homeless individuals who are frail/elderly (22 units/beds) and families surviving domestic violence (26 units/74 beds). This is part of a larger project with 164 units/353 beds, which will also have 116 units for members of the community earning between 30% to 80% of the AMI. This multiple-building housing complex will include the new construction of a low-rise building with 80 units and an additional four townhome-style buildings. The campus will include a daycare center, laundry facilities, a fitness center, resident lounges, onsite trails, and a community garden.

Support services will be provided by FOW and include case management, trauma-informed care, assistance accessing benefits, financial and budgeting counseling, safety planning, referrals to legal and other entities that can assist with Family Court and orders of protection, childcare, and transportation.

Applicant: New Destiny Housing Corporation, Inc. (New Destiny)

HHAP ID#: 2023-012

Project Name: 1139-45 Webster Avenue

County: Bronx

Total Project Cost: \$58,696,509

Summary of Project: New Destiny requested \$9,748,920 in HHAP funds to develop 43 units/136 beds of PSH in the Bronx for single adults and families who are survivors of domestic violence. This is part of a larger project with 72 units/193 beds, which will also include 20 low-income units with rents set at 60% of the AMI, eight units that are anticipated to receive Section 8 Project-Based vouchers (PBVs), and one superintendent's unit. This application proposes the new construction of a 14-story building with a social services suite, meeting room, computer room, kitchen, and large community room on the first floor, residential units beginning on the second floor, a fitness center on the 10th floor; as well as laundry amenities, additional offices and roof access to an outdoor space on the 14th floor. Additional landscaped outdoor space will be available at the ground level.

Support services will be provided by New Destiny and include individual counseling and safety planning, case management, legal assistance, medical assistance, family engagement, independent living skills, employment readiness and job training, health and wellness, and external linkages for additional services.

Applicant: Concern Housing, Inc. (Concern)

HHAP ID#: 2023-014

Project Name: Concern Inwood

County: Bronx

Total Project Cost: \$129,007,286

Summary of Project: Concern requested \$14,375,000 in HHAP funds to develop 106 units/152 beds of PSH in the Bronx. Fifty-six units will be reserved for homeless individuals living with an SMI, of which 15 units will be for homeless veterans with SMI and an additional 15 units will be for those re-entering the community from incarceration with SMI. There will also be 25 units for homeless individuals with a SUD and another 25 units for chronically homeless families. This is part of a larger project with 210 units/371 beds, with 104 community units for individuals and families with incomes between 50% and 60% of the AMI, and a superintendent's unit. This application proposes demolition of the current building and new construction of a 14-story building with a fitness center, laundry facilities, computer room, and community room. The project will also include staff offices and social service space.

Support services will be provided onsite by Concern and include case management, goal planning, benefits assistance, crisis intervention, life skills training, parenting skills training, budgeting and financial planning assistance, vocational counseling, job placement and supported employment, wellness self-management, and linkages to other necessary services.

Applicant: Soldier On, Inc.

HHAP ID#: 2023-016

Project Name: Gardner's Loft

County: Monroe

Total Project Cost: \$67,670,566

Summary of Project: Soldier On requested \$6,160,000 in HHAP funds to develop 45 units/beds of PSH in Rochester for homeless veterans. This is part of a larger project with 88 units/98 beds, which will also have 43 units for members of the community with incomes at or below 60% of the AMI. This application proposes the rehabilitation of an historic five-story industrial building with support service space, a community room with kitchen, private meeting rooms for telehealth visits, a fitness center, outdoor gathering space, a columbarium and eternal flame, and possible community/commercial space.

This application received the full \$5 million Veterans Set-aside.

Support services will be provided by Soldier On and include case management, wellness, financial literacy, legal services, recreation, assistance obtaining entitlements and transportation.

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 2023-24, 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.

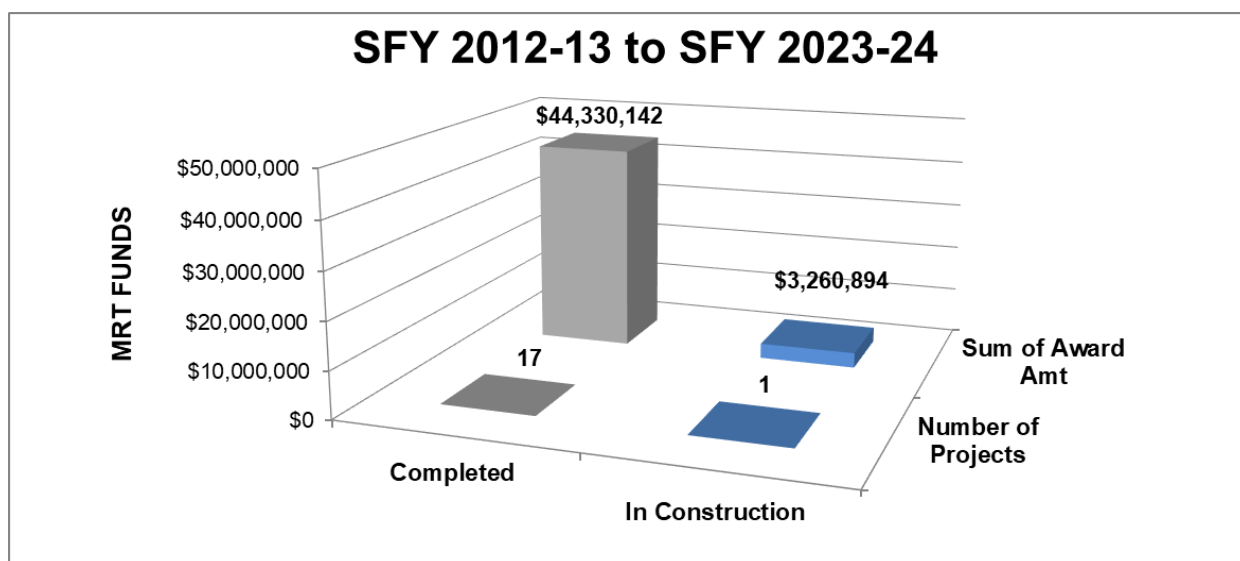
2023 MRT Accomplishments

During calendar year 2023, no MRT-funded project was completed. As of December 31, 2023, 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 \$150,000 per facility may be requested and no project may be awarded more than \$150,000 under this category.

2023 Shelter Repair Accomplishments

During calendar year 2023, five shelter repair projects were completed. As of December 31, 2023, 39 shelter repair projects have been awarded funds, for a total of \$3,176,889. One shelter repair project was completed in 2018, three in 2020, seven in 2021, five in 2022 and five in 2023. There are currently six projects in construction, four awards were withdrawn, and the remaining eight projects are in pre-development.

Status of Existing Emergency Shelter Repair Projects in Development

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
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.	In Construction	SFY 18-19
Joseph's House	Rensselaer	\$100,000	Replace windows and flooring	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
St. Catherine's Center for Children/ Marillac Family Shelter	Albany	\$90,649	Replace gutters and HVAC	Pre-development/ IRP	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/ IRP	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.	In Construction	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.	In Construction	SFY 21-22
United Christian Advocacy Network (UCAN) City Mission	Chautauqua	\$100,000	HVAC upgrades	In Construction	SFY 22-23

Sponsor	County	Award Amount	Scope of Work	Status	Application Year
Rescue Mission of Utica	Oneida	\$100,000	New windows, concrete repairs, brick repointing, delaminated masonry finish and exterior painting.	Pre-development	SFY 22-23
The Altamont Program	Albany	\$100,000	Installation of new metal fabricated staircases.	Pre-development	SFY 22-23
United Veterans Beacon House/Mary's House	Suffolk	\$18,285	Bathroom renovation.	Pre-development	SFY 23-24
ETC Housing Corp.	Clinton	\$107,525	An upgraded security system, removal of dead trees, new washers/dryers, and blinds.	Pre-development	SFY 23-24

Existing Emergency Shelter Repair Projects Completed in 2023

United Veterans Beacon House, Inc. (UVBH) Emergency Shelter (2022-003S/HC01072) Bay Shore, Suffolk County



UVBH completed their emergency shelter repairs on January 25, 2023. UVBH received a \$74,591 HHAP emergency shelter repair award reservation in August 2022 for the moderate rehabilitation of their 15-bed emergency shelter for homeless adults in Suffolk County. Repairs and improvements were made to the exterior of the three-story shelter building, including replacement of the siding, windows, three exterior doors and all the house gutters, and sealing the foundation near the front porch.

Operating revenue includes a per diem reimbursement through Suffolk County Department of Social Services (DSS).

Support services are provided by UVBH and include case management, crisis intervention, medical care, psychiatric services, substance use services, vocational and employment services, assistance in obtaining benefits, housing search assistance, budgeting assistance, and parenting skills training.

**Saving Grace Ministries, Inc. (SGM)
Grace House Emergency Shelter
(2019-047S/HC01049)
Buffalo, Erie County**



SGM completed their emergency shelter repairs on May 5, 2023. SGM received a \$94,355 HHAP emergency shelter repair award reservation in October 2020 for the moderate rehabilitation of an existing five unit/11 bed emergency shelter. The repairs included replacing the boiler, updating the fire system, updating the electrical system throughout, plumbing, dry wall and flooring in the laundry area, plumbing, drywall, fixtures, flooring, and installing a handicap accessible shower, toilet, and sink in the first-floor bathroom, plumbing, flooring, and replacing appliances and cabinetry in the kitchen.

Operating revenues include a per diem reimbursement through Erie County DSS and donations.

Support services are provided by SGM and include three meals per day, case management, independent living skills, care coordination, and assistance with transitioning to permanent housing.

**Volunteers of America of Western New York (VOA)
Binghamton Men's Shelter
(2021-048S/HC01068)
Binghamton, Broome County**



VOA completed their emergency shelter repairs on October 6, 2023. VOA received a \$100,000 HHAP emergency shelter repair award reservation in June 2022 to renovate a 53-bed emergency shelter in Binghamton. The renovations addressed various repairs to the exterior stairs, basement windows and the brick exterior walls.

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

Support services are provided by VOA and include case management, benefits assistance, transportation, recovery support, and employment assistance.

**Soul Saving Station for Every Nation of Saratoga Springs (Soul Station)
Mother Anderson Henry Street Shelter
(2021-010S/HC01059)
Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County**



Soul Station completed their emergency shelter repairs on September 29, 2023. Soul Station received a \$83,137 HHAP emergency shelter repair award reservation in June 2021 to perform repairs to their Mother Anderson Henry Street Emergency Shelter, which provides nine shelter beds in five congregate units for homeless women and children. With the funding, Soul Station replaced the roof, installed a tank-less hot water heater, security cameras, fire alarm system and generator, replaced lockers, and renovations to the kitchen and created a mudroom.

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

Support services are provided by SSS and include case management services, assistance with housing programs, and referrals to employment resources and recovery programs.

**Family Service League (FSL)
Terryville Shelter
(2018-043S/HC01090)
Terryville, Suffolk County**



FSL completed their emergency shelter repairs on December 28, 2023. FSL received a \$100,000 HHAP emergency shelter repair award reservation in December 2018 for the moderate rehabilitation of an existing seven unit/14 bed emergency shelter. The repairs included the replacement of the roof and the wood columns, deck boards trim posts and rails on the porch.

Operating revenues include a per diem reimbursement through Suffolk County DSS and private fundraising.

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

Operational Portfolio – Summary of 2023 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 406 projects and 778 buildings. These projects provide a total of 11,164 units and 18,032 beds. The value of the portfolio in terms of the HHAP investment is \$996,743,525. While 19 new projects became operational in 2023, the operational phases for 15 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. 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 2023 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, and remains one of the only, to create a state-funded program dedicated solely to the development of housing for homeless families and individuals. In creating HHAP, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2023, New York developed a unique program with the ability to meet many distinct and dynamic community needs. The populations served by HHAP consists of homeless individuals, typically with multiple barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing. Disabilities such as mental illness, substance use and/or health conditions; similarly, life challenges like domestic violence and/or re-entry from incarceration; and equally challenging to other vulnerable populations of the frail/elderly, young adults, especially youth aging out of foster care, and veterans. These issues often are compound by 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 had an undeniable impact on HHAP and its not-for-profit partners. This impact continues to resonate with HHAP projects in development. Delays in construction due to increased costs and supply chain issues with materials, combined with increased inflation rates having decreased "buying power" all contributed to a challenging development environment. HHAP provided additional financial assistance of approximately \$17.5 million to ten projects in calendar year 2023 so that projects previously awarded funding could complete construction. This was often in conjunction with other funding partners that also provided financial assistance.

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 Lancet [2020]; Health Services Research [Sep 2020]; and the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science [Jan 2021]). 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

CPC- Community Preservation Corporation

DOH- NYS Department of Health

DSS – Department of Social Services

DV – Domestic Violence

ELLA- Extremely Low & Low-Income Affordability

ESD- NYS Empire State Development

ESSHI- Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative

FHLBNY – Federal Home Loan Bank of New York

HCR – NYS Homes and Community Renewal

HDC- NYC Housing Development Corporation

HFA – NYS Housing Finance Agency

HHAC – Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation

HHAP – Homeless Housing and Assistance Program

HPD – NYC Housing Preservation and Development

HTC – Historic Tax Credits

HTF – Housing Trust Fund

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

LIHTC – Low-Income Housing Tax Credits

MRT – Medicaid Redesign Team

NYC – New York City

NYSERDA – NYS Energy Research Development Authority

OGS- NYS Office of General Services

OMH – NYS Office of Mental Health

OTDA – NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

PBV- Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers

PDG- Program Development Grant

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
SUB – Suburban
SUD – Substance Use Disorder
TA – Technical Assistance
TAP- Treatment Apartment Program
TCO – Temporary Certificate of Occupancy
VA- U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs