

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

HOMELESS HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM **MEDICAID REDESIGN TEAM CAPITAL FUNDS**

The NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and the NYS Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation (HHAC) announce the availability of funding to develop supportive housing for homeless individuals with histories of high-cost Medicaid use.

Background

Governor Cuomo established the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) in January 2011 in order to find methods to reduce costs and increase quality and efficiency in the Medicaid program. The MRT reform proposals achieved the Governor's Medicaid budget target for the 2011-12 Fiscal Year, reducing the Medicaid cost trajectory from a projected 13% increase in the state share to less than 1%. Among the MRT proposals for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is an initiative to redirect a portion of the cost savings to develop supportive housing targeted to heavy Medicaid users. This initiative is likely to return significant savings in terms of reduced hospitalizations, reduced lengths of stay in long term care facilities, and unnecessary Emergency Room visits as well as improved outcomes from supportive services provided in stable, supportive housing.

The MRT allocation plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 includes \$10 million in MRT capital funds allocated to the OTDA, to be awarded through the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) Request for Proposals (RFP).

HHAP / MRT Initiative

HHAP provides grants and loans to acquire, construct and rehabilitate housing for persons who are or would otherwise be homeless. Projects eligible for HHAP / MRT funds must provide permanent supportive housing to homeless single individuals whom exhibit conditions or histories recognized to be associated with high Medicaid usage. Examples include, but are not limited to single adults who have experienced chronic homelessness, physical disability, mental illness, substance abuse, and/or other disabling conditions. Not-for-profit corporations and their subsidiaries, charitable organizations, municipalities, and public housing authorities are eligible to apply for HHAP / MRT funding.

Applicants must apply under the HHAP open Request for Proposals (RFP). HHAC will determine based upon the information contained in the application whether the proposed project may be considered for funding under the HHAP / MRT initiative. The determination will be based on 1) the population to be served, 2) the support services plan, and 3) the potential for Medicaid savings.

Successful applicants and their service providers will be expected to collect and submit relevant Medicaid patient data to the State Department of Health (DOH) or other state agency to track Medicaid cost savings. Since this data is classified as confidential it must be transmitted in a secure format. Additional stipulations and reporting may be required, if determined by the MRT and/or DOH.

The HHAP RFP is an open-ended RFP, meaning proposals will be accepted for consideration on a continuous basis until it is determined funds are no longer available for award or this methodology no longer serves a purpose for HHAC. Funding will be made available and awards announced subject to an appropriation and the approval of the Commissioner of OTDA and the Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation's Board of Directors.

The RFP and Application are available to be downloaded from OTDA's website:

<http://www.otda.ny.gov/contracts/2015/HHAP/>

Interested applicants are highly encouraged to submit a "concept paper" for review by HHAP staff, to allow for feedback and guidance prior to the development and submission of a full application. The guidelines and format for submitting a concept paper are available on the webpage cited above.