



Office of Mental Health

Short-Term Transitional Residence for Adults in Manhattan Q&A's

1. Does OMH have a policy or suggestion regarding undocumented individuals? Will undocumented individuals be eligible for the low barrier housing first housing opportunities that are funded via OMH? Our agency also runs many safe havens in NYC and those individuals who are undocumented have very little opportunity (if any) to move "out". While providing stabilization and support to all New Yorkers is important it should be noted that those individuals who are undocumented would most likely be discharged to a shelter/safe haven and not to housing opportunities.
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 - A. Citizenship/documented status is not required to access this program. However, it should be noted that the program is intended to serve individuals with serious mental illness who require enhanced clinical and rehabilitative supports to secure more permanent housing. It is not intended for those who are homeless who do not have serious mental illness and who lack significant clinical/rehabilitative supports.
3. Is there more detail regarding the referral process. It is understood that the referrals will come directly to the STTR, but will there be a standardized referral form, or will that be determined by the agency?
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 - A. There will be a standardized referral form.
5. How will the "white box" space be divided from the rest of the property? Is it a 1st floor unit with a separate entrance? Will an elevator be required?
 - A. Specific information on how the space will be divided from the rest of the property will not be available until the developer for the larger project is selected by Empire State Development (ESD). However, ESD did specify that the space has a dedicated entrance and is ADA accessible.
6. How are the building systems/responsibilities going to be divided with the supportive/affordable project?
 - A. This will be negotiated with the developer chosen by ESD.

7. When will the award be announced for the supportive/affordable project?

A. OMH has no information to provide.

8. Do we have the discretion to rename/repurpose the staffing positions? such as a housing specialist? benefits person? discharge planner?

A. Successful applicants will have the discretion to rename/repurpose staffing positions to accomplish the goals articulated in this RFP.

9. Since this is classified as a shelter/safe haven, does that mean people will be eligible for homeless housing?

A. Yes, individuals will maintain homeless status while in this program.

9. If our response to a question exceeds the 2,000 character count, can we submit the response as an attachment instead?

A. Yes.

10. As per the Q & A on other recent STTR RFPs, should funding not support recruiting and retaining the full complement of staff outlined in the RFP, will the awardee be able to request modification of the number of FTEs in some lines in order to increase salaries?

A. OMH will entertain modifications on a case-by-case basis. In order to receive approval, any proposed modification will need to demonstrate how the program will remain sufficiently staffed and provide the necessary services outlined in this RFP.

11. Are we bound by the 2,000 character limit in the answer boxes or are we allowed to upload answers with a higher character count under the "Add Comments or Attachments" link?

A. Yes you may upload an attachment with a higher character count.