

Housing First Scattered Site Supportive Housing for Homeless Adults in Orange and Dutchess Counties RFP Questions and Answers

1. The Budget Template (Appendix B) includes a line for 'Property'. Is this line meant to include the rent stipends paid out by the applicant to landlords? If not, in which line item should these rent stipends be included?

ANSWER: Please use the property line of the budget template for your total property expense. Inclusion of rent expense in consideration of total property expense is appropriate.

2. Question 5.4.2b includes the following:

Applicants that do not hold a current OMH housing contract ... must attach evidence or correspondence from the most recent monitoring visit for any housing or behavioral health service program the agency operates, that is funded by a city, county, state or federal government agency.

Would it be permissible to include a recent monitoring report from a shelter program? This particular shelter program is an appropriate comparison for the OMH Housing First Scattered Site Supportive Housing program because of the population served and Housing First model.

ANSWER: Yes.

3. Is the rent maximum limited to the FMR for the County where the unit is located?

ANSWER: Application budgets should include a realistic estimate of expenses, including property costs. Property costs varying from FMR will receive the same consideration as those that match exactly.

4. Are there character or Page limits for the narrative section of the proposal?

ANSWER: No

5. Page 14 indicates the grantee is expected to "develop" all awarded units. Are we able to lease existing units? Can the Program staff salaries be paid during the 8 month start up period?

ANSWER: Yes, as stated in section 5.1 Introduction, "There is no capital funding associated with this initiative to purchase or renovate an existing apartment building." Yes, program staff salaries can be paid during the 8 month start up period.

6. Can the enhanced annual funding of \$2,000/unit be extended beyond year one? Can we request enhanced funding for all 25 units (\$50,000/year) and budget accordingly?

ANSWER: Selected providers will receive the additional \$2,000 as part of their annual funding. Funding can be requested for all units awarded through this RFP.