



**Enhanced Scattered Site Supportive Housing for
Young Adults with Serious Mental Illness**

**Request for Proposals
RFP# OMH106**

Questions & Answers

Q1. Will this program be eligible for Medicaid funds that have been available for other SSSH programs?

A1. Yes. Applicants should include the funding enhancement for Rehabilitative and Tenancy Services in their budget if they intend to participate in the initiative.

Q2. Since this is scattered site housing, does the mixed-use rule apply about ensuring 50% of the units in each building are not part of the program?

A2. Agencies should not be renting more than 50% of the units in a building for this program (or other programs the agency runs serving individuals with SMI). The housing provider has no obligation to confirm or consider the status of individuals in apartments they are not renting.

Q3. Does “25 beds” mean 25 apartments?

A3. No, it means individuals. Applicants may rent studios, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom apartments for this initiative, so the number of actual apartments may vary.

Q4. We would like to verify that the program participants will transition away from support at age 26, but not necessarily their apartments. Meaning, they could continue to stay in their apartments. Is this correct?

A4. This is correct. Applicants should be discharged from the program at age 26 (see exceptions for individuals admitted after their 24th birthday), terminating the services and rental stipend associated with the program. However, individuals should be allowed to stay in the apartment if they wish to do so, requiring the agency to find a different apartment for the program.

Q5. Are we correct that we do not need to buy or lease a site for this grant, that the apartments can be anywhere in the specified region?

A5. These programs are intended to be scattered site, utilizing rentals in the community from the existing housing stock. No buying or leasing of a site is required. Apartments may be located anywhere in the specified county(ies) identified in this RFP. Apartments should be located within those counties wherever it best meets the needs of the individuals enrolled in the program. Where practical, apartment should be accessible and in proximity to the program office.