# BUILDING HOPE: SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

New Hampshire Housing is excited to announce the launch of the **Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Supportive Housing Capital Program.** 

The program can provide capital funding to projects that will create new supportive housing for individuals and households with a member who has OUD and other co-occurring disorders.

#### PROGRAM HIGHIGHTS

- Total Funding: Up to \$5.7 million annually for three years
- Maximum Award: \$2 million per project
- Loan Terms: 0% interest, deferred payment loans with a 30-year term and affordability period
- Eligibility: Projects must create new housing units which incorporate supportive services for individuals with OUD and co-occurring disorders. Additional eligibility requirements are outlined in the NOFO
- Application Deadline: March 11, 2025

## NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The requirements to apply for funding are outlined in the **Notice of Funding Opportunity** (NOFO) published on January 6, 2025.

Click here to read the full **Notice of Funding Opportunity.** 

Eligible project sponsors are encouraged to contact NH Housing to discuss their project.

For more information, visit our website.



#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Below is a list of frequently asked questions regarding the **Opioid Use Disorder Supportive Housing Capital Program**. The answers provided are summaries of the full program requirements and processes outlined in the Program Guidelines and Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Applicants should fully review the Program Guidelines and NOFO and contact NH Housing for further information.

#### WHO CAN LIVE IN THE HOUSING FUNDED BY THE PROGRAM?

The residents of the Program-funded housing units must have Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) or a co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health issue with prior opioid use. Confirmation of OUD must be documented by a qualified provider. Residents must also have incomes at or below the identified resident income limits.

## WHAT IS THE TYPE OF FUNDING AWARDED THROUGH THE PROGRAM?

The program can provide funds to projects in the form of 0% interest, deferred payment loans. There is no minimum monthly mortgage payment, and the loan is repaid with 50% of surplus cash once the project is operational. This is not grant funding.

### WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Eligible housing types include Permanent Supportive Housing units and Recovery Residences which will be certified by the state-designated certifying body for recovery residences. Units may be private rental units, single room occupancy, or shared bedroom/group homes.

#### WHAT CAN THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

The funds can be used for many costs associated with the creation of new supportive housing units. The units can be created through new construction, the rehabilitation of existing housing, or the conversion of a non-residential building. The funds can be used for acquisition and rehab, new construction, soft costs including legal fees and environmental reports, etc.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Project Sponsors or Co-Sponsors must be an NH-based entity with experience serving individuals with OUD. Sponsors must have experience developing and managing multifamily supportive housing, or contract with a qualified entity.

# WHAT IF I'M A SERVICE PROVIDER WITH AN IDEA, BUT WITHOUT ANY DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE?

Development experience is a requirement to receive funding. Service providers may partner with a qualified developer, or contract with a qualified development consultant, to meet this criteria. A list of consultants can be <u>found here</u>.

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#### **HOW ARE FUNDS AWARDED?**

Funds are awarded through an annual competitive funding round via a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The NOFO for this program was issued on January 6, 2025, and applications are due March 11.

## HOW LONG WILL THE FUNDING BE AVAILABLE?

The program will award up to \$5.7 million annually for three years.

#### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDING?

There are several requirements to receive a funding award which are outlined in the NOFO. Applicants should read the NOFO carefully before applying and contact NH Housing with any questions on the requirements.

# WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING AND RECEIVING FUNDS?

1. To apply for program funds, applicants must respond to the NOFO and submit all required materials by the application deadline. Instruction to submit the application will be included in the NOFO.

2. NH Housing will assess performance risk and whether the application meets the threshold criteria outlined in the NOFO. If it does, the application will be scored using the scoring criteria in the NOFO.

- 3. The highest scoring applications will receive a conditional financing reservation which outlines the conditions that must be met for the project to receive a financing commitment. All conditions of the financing reservation must be met within 120 days of the reservation.
- 4. Once the conditions of the financing reservation have been met, projects will be presented to the NH Housing Board of Directors who will make financing commitment recommendations.

  5. After receiving a financing commitment and when NH Housing determines the project is ready to begin construction, the process of closing on the NH Housing loans may begin. The project must close on the NH Housing loans within one year of the financing reservation.

## HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION OR DISCUSS MY PROJECT?

You can visit our website or contact us at:

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