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State Awards \$17M for Supportive Housing Projects

New York State has announced more than \$17 million in funding for supportive housing projects to help homeless and low-income New Yorkers in New York City and the Finger Lakes Region. The projects will provide a total of 127 units of supportive housing for homeless individuals and families, including veterans and their families, adults who are living with HIV/ AIDS, recovering from substance abuse, or have disabling mental health conditions.

Four grants are being awarded to support projects in New York, the Bronx, and Ontario, as well as one that includes sites in Ontario, Wayne, Schuyler and Seneca counties. The funds are available through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance's (OTDA) Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP). The awards include \$3.7 million from the Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT), allocated to OTDA for the development of housing projects targeted specifically to homeless persons with disabilities who are also high-cost users of Medicaid.

"Governor Cuomo's commitment to supportive housing is exemplified by the increased funding made available to HHAP this year," OTDA Executive

Deputy Commissioner Sharon Devine said. "These funding awards are the next step in that commitment, with projects that are geographically diverse and responsive to community housing needs, addressing a range of homeless populations with special needs."

HHAP provides capital funding to develop housing for various special-needs populations designed to help families and individuals move out of homelessness and poverty, toward the highest level of independence possible. During the current state fiscal year, HHAP has awarded \$55.9 million, as well as \$10 million in MRT funds, to 17 projects which will develop 583 units of supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.

Organizations receiving funding are:

- The Doe Fund, Inc., Bronx, \$6,508,240;
- Women's Prison Association & Home, New York, \$5,373,222;
- Finger Lakes Community Development Corp., Ontario County, \$3,000,000;
- Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling & Referral Agency, Inc., Ontario, Wayne, Seneca and Yates counties, \$2,395,190