

Responses to Questions from Q&A

Capital Investment for Special Needs Populations: How Other States Create Housing

1	<p>Question to Alex Brooks and Patricia Downes of NYS OPWDD: Where can I find more information on your program?</p>	<p>Our agency's website is currently in a redesign process, so we don't unfortunately have much information on the OPWDD website. However, if you provide me with an e-mail address I can send you some basic information on both the ISH and ESSHI programs. Thanks!</p>	<p>General information can be found here: https://opwdd.ny.gov/providers/housing</p> <p>however, specific questions can be sent to housing.initiatives@opwdd.ny.gov</p> <p>Alex Brooks and Patricia Downes monitor this box. You can request a copy of the fall 2019 RFA which outlines OPWDD Integrated Supportive Housing program expectations.</p>
2	<p>Hi Alex, Have any new projects come up for the reentry population with ESSHI? What's makes ESSHI so great is that it covers a reentry pop and doesn't use HUD's chronic definition.</p>	<p>"The Linwood Apartments project in Brooklyn recently opened and offers 12 ESSHI units for formerly incarcerated women with services provided by Housing Plus (https://housingplusnyc.org/). This project received an ESSHI award in the 2nd round of the RFP. Other projects have been awarded ESSHI funding for units targeted to the reentry population in rounds 3-5 and are currently in various stages of pre-development (site selection, capital funding applications, etc.). We can try connect you with the appropriate state agency contact for information on new projects that may be opening.</p>	
3	<p>Thanks so much for this presentation! This ESSHI RFP is the first 6,000 units of a 15-year, 20,000 unit commitment made by the Governor. Lots of advocacy now happening to make that total promise come to fruition with continued multi-year funding. No. I used to work in NY and advocated providers to apply to ESSHI for this population. Back in 2019 it was something like 2% of ESSHI applications were for reentry. www.communityhope-nj.org If you have any admissions questions feel free to give me a call at 973-463-9600 ext:340</p>		