



Thresholds & Neighborhood Opportunities Program Funding

Application Deadline: 4 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017

Rhode Island Housing and the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) are pleased to announce the opening of a competitive funding round for Thresholds Program and Neighborhood Opportunities Program project renewals.

- Rhode Island Housing administers the Thresholds Program on behalf of BHDDH. The Thresholds Program provides capital funding to increase the supply of housing for people with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and/or developmental disabilities. Funding is currently available for new projects and the renewal of projects previously funded with Thresholds dollars.
- Funding for the Neighborhood Opportunities Program (NOP) is provided by Rhode Island Housing. The dual purposes of NOP are to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for very low income families and individuals, and expand permanent supportive housing (PSH) opportunities for disabled persons that are homeless or at risk of being homeless. NOP funds are currently available for the renewal of PSH projects that are scheduled to draw down all previously awarded NOP funds by December 31, 2018. The renewal term will be one year. No NOP funding is currently available for new projects.

For the 2017 funding round, Rhode Island Housing and BHDDH anticipate awarding:

- \$1,000,000 in Thresholds funding for new and renewal projects that provide supportive housing for persons with behavioral healthcare needs and/or developmental disabilities. Agencies approved by BHDDH and organizations that have entered cooperative agreements with BHDDH-approved agencies are eligible to apply.
- NOP renewal funding for PSH projects that have previously received NOP awards and need additional operating subsidy to meet their initial 10-year obligation or to extend affordability restrictions beyond an expiring 10-year obligation.

Please note: Projects applying for Thresholds funding may also be eligible to apply for HUD Section 811 rental assistance.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Non-profit housing developers, for-profit developers, public housing authorities, cities, towns, faith-based organizations and community housing development organizations are eligible to apply, subject to the above-described limitations to organizations that have received previous NOP awards and agencies approved by BHDDH.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- There is only one acceptable application form. It is posted on the Rhode Island Housing website at www.rhodeislandhousing.org.
- Applicants may submit proposals for more than one project per funding round.
- Two hard copies (unbound) must be submitted to Diane Benjamin, Program Coordinator, Rhode Island Housing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903 by the deadline set forth above.
- For additional information concerning NOP and Thresholds, contact **Diane Benjamin** 450-1347 or dbenjamin@rihousing.com.