

**2013 Youth Supported Female Housing**  
**Questions and Answers**

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- 1. The RFP for Youth (18 to 21) Supported Female Housing in Essex County lists Scattered Site Apartments, Single Site, and Apartment Model as examples of housing models. Does the State have a preference for one model over another?**

No. The RFP on page 17 asks the Applicant to propose one of these models. For the purposes of this RFP, supported housing provides safe housing through a variety of housing models with a variety of services designed to meet the individual needs of the population. Some examples of housing models are as follows:

- Scattered Site Apartments-the agency will lease apartments and provide the appropriate case management and supervision in this setting.
- Single Site Model-the agency purchases or leases a house where youth have their own bedrooms, but share common living spaces such as the living room, kitchen, etc.: and
- Apartment Model-the agency purchases or leases a residence that provides youth with their own apartment under one dwelling.

Applicants shall provide information that demonstrates that the proposed facility can be operational within three months.

- 2. Are the \$43,200 start-up costs included within the first year \$259,205? In other words, is year 1 award up to \$216,005 for operations?**

Yes.

- 3. If two (2) organizations have complementary strengths, would DCF grant the award to a collaborative effort? In other words, would DCF suggest two (2) organizations form a collaboration providing them with contacts?**

There has to be a single responsible lead agency for this award. We encourage mutually beneficial arrangements but the contract shall be with the lead agency.

- 4. Are residents responsible for a portion of rent?**

No.

- 5. Does the grant cover food & utilities, etc. for residents?**

Yes.

- 6. Will the youth receive rental assistance?**

No.

- 7. Who is responsible for food & utilities, etc. for residents?**

The Applicant is responsible for food and utilities for residents.

- 8. Is there a maximum/minimum length of stay for residents in the program?**

The average lengths of stay are typically a minimum of 18 months and case closure depends on case planning and available/sustaining housing for youth.

The Request for Proposals asks the Applicant to describe how success shall be measured. Please review these requirements and expectations. Programs will be expected to document successful housing retention and

household skills outcomes, achievement of educational and/or employment goals, housing stability and sustainability upon discharge, and improved mental and physical health. Such outcomes should include:

- The percentage of participants who remain in the housing program for one year;
- The percentage of participants who maintain housing six months after leaving the program;
- The percentage of participants who achieve and maintain employment lasting at least three months;
- The percentage of participants who entered the program without a high school diploma or GED that enroll in high school or a GED program one month after entering the program;
- The percentage of participants who entered the program without a high school diploma or GED that receive a diploma or GED prior to exiting the program;
- The percentage of program participants who are enrolled in a post-secondary training or educational program six months after admission into the housing program;
- The percentage of program participants who maintain routine healthcare (i.e. medical, mental health, dental, eye care) and
- The percentage of youth that have stable and sustainable housing upon discharge.

The proposed program must adhere to the National Youth Transitional Database (NYTD) requirements-report services provided to youth while in the housing program and track individual program participants progress after discharge until age 21.