



# NJEFA

## NJEFA Brings Ramapo College of New Jersey One Step Closer to Sober Housing Program

### *NJEFA releases property deed to Ramapo College for use as substance abuse recovery housing*

In 2015, “The Sober Housing Act” was signed into law as P.L. 2015, Chapter 92. The Act requires New Jersey’s four-year public institutions of higher education with at least 25% of the undergraduate student body living in on-campus housing to create a substance abuse recovery housing program within four years. Under the law, institutions can designate a floor, wing, area or entire building as the home of the program and apply for any available federal or state funding.

In 2018, New Jersey’s Department of Health, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, granted Ramapo College nearly \$1 million to provide substance abuse recovery housing and a comprehensive recovery program for its students. Ramapo’s recovery program, entitled the Roadrunner Collegiate Recovery Program, will offer students the ability to pursue their education without sacrificing their recovery efforts. In addition to providing a safe and healthy living environment for students in recovery, the Program will also provide access to psychological and addiction counseling services, among other support services.

Ramapo’s existing Visiting Scholars House, a private residence purchased in 1978 with Authority financing, will house the Program. As part of the 1978 Visiting Scholars House transaction, NJEFA took title to the property and leased it back to Ramapo pursuant to a Lease and Agreement. At its March 26, 2019 Board Meeting, the Authority’s Board voted to release the Visiting Scholars House property back to Ramapo so that it could be used for the Roadrunner Program. Ramapo’s ownership of the property is a condition to establishing the Program.

Following the Board’s vote releasing the property, NJEFA Executive Director Eric D. Brophy stated, “We are pleased that Ramapo is taking this important step to provide housing and support for students in recovery. We are fortunate to be in a position to aid in this important endeavor. We look forward to hearing the success stories of Ramapo students in recovery in the coming months and years.”

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