



Rhode Island Housing

Rhode Island Housing Announcement Thresholds Program Funding Application Deadline: 4 p.m. - Friday - September 2, 2016

Rhode Island Housing administers the Thresholds Program on behalf of the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. The goal of the program is to increase the supply of housing for people with serious and persistent mental health and substance use illnesses and developmental disabilities. Participating housing sponsors are required to make units affordable to this population and to provide supportive services for occupants in return for:

- funds to develop or refinance housing to create new program units
- funds for capital needs to preserve current program units

Projects that integrate the target population in scattered sites within the community are preferred over projects that segregate these populations in single or adjacent buildings.

- \$627,213 of Thresholds Program funding is available for this round

If the applicant is not an agency licensed by the Department of Behavioral Healthcare Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, they must be endorsed by and enter into a cooperative agreement with an approved agency.

Priority will be given to projects that assist the State of Rhode Island in reaching its goal to end homelessness as outlined in the Opening Doors Rhode Island Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

A rental subsidy through the HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) Program (“Section 811 Program”) to house non-elderly individuals with disabilities may be available for the Thresholds Program units. Refer to the Rhode Island Housing website for the Section 811 Program Request for Proposals and Program Guidelines. The Section 811 Program applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2016.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Eligible applicants shall include non-profit housing developers, for-profit housing developers, public housing authorities, cities, towns, faith-based organizations and community housing development organizations.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- There is only one (1) acceptable application form. It is posted on the Rhode Island Housing website at www.rhodeislandhousing.org.
- Applicants may submit applications for more than one (1) project per funding round.
- Two (2) unbound hard copies of the application(s) must be submitted to Diane Benjamin, Program Coordinator, Rhode Island Housing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903.
- **All applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2016.**
- For information concerning the Thresholds Program, contact Diane Benjamin (401) 450-1347 or dbenjamin@rhodeislandhousing.org.