

## Exhibit 2 and 2R: Supportive Housing Program (SHP)

The following information pertains to Exhibit 2 (SHP New) and Exhibit 2R (SHP Renewal). **Exhibit 2R is new this year.** It was developed for renewal projects since the majority of CoC applications are for SHP renewal projects. Since HUD has prior history working with these applicants/grant recipients, this streamlined exhibit was developed for ease in filling out the application. The Project Components and SHP Guidance sections apply to both exhibits.

### Program Components/Type

The Supportive Housing Program promotes the development of supportive housing and services that help homeless persons transition from homelessness to living as independently as possible. Each project submitted under SHP must be classified as one of the program components described below.

**Transitional Housing** facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing within 24 months. This temporary housing is combined with supportive services to enable homeless individuals and families to live as independently as possible. Supportive services—which help promote residential stability, increased skill level and/or income, and greater self-determination—may be provided by the organization managing the housing or coordinated by that organization and provided by other public or private agencies. Transitional housing can be provided in one structure or several structures at one site or in multiple structures at scattered sites.

**Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities** is long-term housing for this population. Basically, it is community-based housing and supportive services as described above, designed to enable homeless persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible in a permanent setting. Permanent housing can be provided in one structure or several structures at one site or in multiple structures at scattered sites.

**Supportive Services Only** projects provide services designed to address the special needs of the homeless persons. Projects are classified as this component **only** if the project sponsor is **not also providing or operating the housing for the same persons receiving the services**. Eligible activities for Supportive Services Only projects are acquisition, rehabilitation, leasing, and, of course, supportive services. (Applicants **cannot** request funds for new construction or operations.) Supportive services only projects may have one or more structures at a central site or at scattered sites where services are delivered; or services may be delivered independent of a structure, such as street outreach.

**Safe Haven** projects must meet the following criteria: (1) have **no** limit on length of stay; (2) serve hard to-reach homeless persons who have severe mental illness, are on the streets, and have been unable or unwilling to participate in supportive services; (3) provide 24-hour residence for an unspecified duration; (4) provide private or semiprivate accommodations; and (5) have overnight occupancy limited to 25 persons. A safe haven may also provide supportive services to eligible persons who are not residents, on a drop-in basis. **A Safe Haven project that has the characteristics of the SHP/Permanent Housing component and requires participants to execute a lease agreement may now be classified as permanent supportive housing.**

For many persons with mental illness who have been living on the streets, the transition to self-sufficiency is best made in stages, starting with a small, highly supportive environment where an individual can feel at ease, out of danger, and subject to no immediate service demands. Safe Havens do not require participation in services and referrals as a condition of occupancy. Rather, it is hoped that after a period of stabilization in a safe haven, residents will be more willing to participate in services and referrals, and will eventually be ready to move to more traditional forms of housing. Safe Havens can serve as an entry point to the service system and provide access to basic services such as food, clothing, bathing facilities, telephones, storage space, and mailing addresses.

**Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)** is now a separate component/type for new and renewal dedicated HMIS projects in the 2003 CoC competition. There is also a separate budget activity for specifying costs in dedicated HMIS projects and in SHP projects including HMIS costs as a share of their participation in an HMIS. SHP may be used to pay the costs of implementing and operating an HMIS. Eligible HMIS costs are: equipment, software, computer services, personnel to manage and operate the system, training, and staff that analyze the data and prepare reports for providers, the CoC, and HUD.

**Innovative Supportive Housing** enables the applicant to design a supportive housing project for homeless persons that is outside the scope of the other SHP components. A project is innovative when the particular approach is new to the area and can be replicated in other communities. The project must be determined by HUD to be innovative or it will be rejected from the competition. The project must also be for eligible SHP activities.