
Project Definition

Under SHP, a "project" may be either for supportive housing, supportive services only or HMIS. For a supportive housing project, one project sponsor provides housing in one or more structures and delivers services, or arranges with other organizations to deliver services, to the residents. For a Supportive Services Only project, one sponsor delivers services to homeless persons, but the sponsor *does not* provide housing to the same persons receiving the services. Supportive services can be delivered from a structure(s) or they can be delivered independent of a structure(s), such as street outreach. The following are examples of SHP projects:

Example 1: Project sponsor Serenity House will provide 10 units of permanent housing to homeless persons with serious mental illness. The project sponsor is requesting funding for rehabilitation, supportive services, and operations. The supportive services will be provided by the local day treatment center. This is one project and is classified under the permanent housing component.

Example 2: Project sponsor Greenville Nonprofit proposes to acquire, rehabilitate, and operate a transitional housing facility for homeless women and children. Services will be coordinated by Greenville Nonprofit but delivered by a local charitable organization and a health clinic. This is one project and is classified under the transitional housing component.

Example 3: Project sponsor Health Care, Inc., currently owns a van from which it does outreach and provides health care services to homeless persons and families on the streets and in emergency shelters. Health Care proposes to expand its service level to serve more people and to provide immunizations and help refer homeless persons to appropriate housing. The expansion is one project and is classified under the supportive services only (SSO) component. SHP funds may be requested for the expansion only; the project sponsor would continue to provide funding for the current activities from other sources.

Example 4: Project sponsor Second Chance is part of a CoC which has decided to implement a community-wide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The CoC has determined that Second Chance will propose a dedicated HMIS project. The project's funds will be used to purchase HMIS software and computers and to pay the salary of HMIS staff. (See the "Question and Answer" supplement to the application for further information on funding for HMIS activities.)