



2026 – 2027 Supportive Housing Institute & Technical Assistance: Request for Proposals (RFP)

CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing) is excited to announce its annual Ohio Supportive Housing Institute. The 2026 Institute will address issues of homelessness and housing with a focus on serving people with high needs who frequently use emergency systems (shelters, street homelessness, hospitals, etc.) that is defined in the Target Population Section in this RFP. The Institute will help supportive housing partners learn how to navigate the complex process of developing housing with supportive services to prevent and end homelessness. Participation in the Institute is expected to reduce the time it takes to obtain funding for supportive housing by improving the planning and development process.

The 2026 Institute will provide targeted training, technical assistance, and education around the development process, construction process, and operating fidelity. Teams will receive over 5 months of training including walking through real projects and access to essential resources to assist in completing their project. In addition, industry experts, including staff from CSH, local housing authorities, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, and other Supportive Housing partners will provide insight into property management, financing, and building design.

Institute Overview

A. Institute Benefits:

Upon completion, teams will have:

- A detailed, individualized supportive housing plan that can be used to apply for funding from multiple sources.
- Improved skills to operate existing supportive housing and develop new projects serving people who experience multiple barriers to housing.
- A strong, effective development, property management and service team that leverages the strengths of each team member.
- A powerful network of peers and experts to assist in project development and to trouble-shoot problems; and,



B. Institute Deliverables:

Through intensive technical assistance, teams will work to develop individual supportive housing project plans. Among the expected team deliverables are:

- Memorandum of Understanding among members of the supportive housing development team, outlining the roles and responsibilities of each partner;
- Preliminary project proposal and budgets; and
- Preliminary feasibility analysis for potential housing site
- Detailed service delivery plan for specific target populations;
- Outreach, Engagement and Tenant selection plans;
- Tenant Leadership plan;
- Management plan;
- Operating policies and protocols between services provider and property manager;
- Community support plan

Teams are expected to participate in the Institute with a fully encumbered team including a developer and supportive service provider. CSH can provide intensive 1:1 technical support to help project sponsors connect teams to reputable partners. If you need this specific technical support, contact Amanda Rodriguez – amanda.rodriguez@csh.org.

C. Institute Calendar and Curriculum:

All activities will take place on a hybrid schedule between September 2026 and February 2027 on select Wednesdays; in-person sessions will be held in downtown Columbus from 9:30 AM - 4 PM and virtual sessions from 9 AM -12 PM. Calendar subject to change; we will provide ample notification.

September 9th, 2026: Session 1 – Supportive Housing Institute Kick Off (In-Person)

September 23rd, 2026: Session 2 – Project Concept & Partnership Roles and Responsibilities (Virtual)

September 30th, 2026: Session 3 – Project Siting & Trauma Informed Design (In-Person)

October 14th, 2026: Session 4 – Supportive Services & Housing Plus Services (Virtual)



October 21st, 2026: Session 5 – Proforma’s Part 1: Services & Operating Budgets (In-Person)

November 18th, 2026: Session 6 – Property Management in Supportive Housing (Virtual)

December 9th, 2026: Session 7 – Proforma’s Part 2: Development & Capital Budgets (In-Person)

January 6^h, 2027: Session 8 – First Year in Operations & Fair Housing (In-Person)

January 27th, 2027: Session 7 – Funder Finale Panelist Presentation (Virtual)

Target Populations

- Households who are experiencing chronic homelessness or high vulnerability based on Continuum of Care coordinated entry assessments;
- Individuals and families at risk of long-term homelessness who are prioritized through the local Stepping Up Initiative or mental health board due to repeated use of crisis, hospital, and criminal justice services.
- Children and families utilizing child welfare systems and/or families and children at risk for separation
- Transition Age Youth (TAY) and families facing separation and homelessness due to behavioral health challenges and lack of stable housing.

Eligibility Criteria

A. Eligible Teams:

- Teams are invited to have up to seven members in attendance at each Institute session. Eligible teams must be comprised of, at a minimum, the following partners: a designated team leader, a developer with affordable housing experience, an owner (if different than the developer), a supportive service provider, and a property management company.
- At least one representative from each partner must hold a management or leadership position within their organization and have decision-making authority on matters pertaining to the Institute project.
- The designated team leader may be the developer, owner, service provider, or property management partner. Additional team members may include, but are not limited to, consultants and/or award administrators, local city development staff, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) or other local healthcare providers, local public housing authority



staff, local Area Agency on Aging staff, people with lived experience, or CoC representatives.

To be eligible for participation, teams must be able to commit to attending all training and commit to taking project concept from idea to completion with the goal of having supportive housing units placed in service.

B. Eligible Supportive Housing Projects/Developments:

- Minimum project size for housing is 10 units of supportive housing.
- Housing is permanent and affordable where tenants hold leases, and acceptance of services is not a condition of occupancy.
- Comprehensive case management services are accessible by tenants where they live and, in a manner designed to maximize tenant stability and self-sufficiency.
- The housing development may be either 50%+ supportive housing or integrated supportive housing where 25% of the total units (with a minimum total of 40 units of which 10 are SH) are made available to one or more of the target populations; and,
- The supportive housing development and/or integrated supportive housing must participate in the Continuum of Care Coordinated Assessment/Access system if the target population is chronically homeless.

Proposals to develop emergency shelters, transitional or shared housing, such as group homes or shared apartments, will NOT be considered.

Submission & Selection

A. Selection

For CSH and its partners to provide an appropriate level of technical assistance and based on projected available resources, a maximum of five teams will be selected to participate in the 2026 Institute.

Consideration will be given of the following factors:

- Demonstrated local need for supportive housing;
- Capacity and experience of the team members, including financial stability;
- Number of PSH units in the proposed development;
- Quality of the response to the RFP narrative questions; and
- Alignment with the mission and goals of the Institute.



Selection is a competitive process. Applicants must take care in responding to all requirements of the RFP. Please provide detailed information in the RFP response and do not assume that reviewers will be familiar with your organizational capacity or project concept.

Selected teams will be required to submit a fee of \$500 to CSH prior to the beginning of the 2026 Institute. This fee is per team. An invoice will be provided.

B. Submission Instructions

Teams interested in participating in the 2026 Institute must submit complete RFP responses by the deadline below. ***Incomplete responses will not be considered.***

Submission Deadline: Friday, August 21st by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time

RFP Submission: Responses must be submitted in PDF format to Amanda.rodriguez@csh.org

An email confirmation will be provided as proof of receipt. If you do not receive confirmation within 24 hours of submission, please contact Amanda Rodriguez – Amanda.rodriguez@csh.org. It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm receipt of the application.

The RFP Review Team will evaluate all proposals submitted and notify respondents of the selection decision by August 31st. *Submission represents a commitment for the team to attend all Institute sessions.*

CSH will provide an Institute Orientation webinar for prospective respondents to this year's institute on July 9th, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

[Register Here](#): Supportive Housing Institute Orientation

Questions: All questions must be submitted in writing to amanda.rodriguez@csh.org. CSH will maintain a list of FAQs on its website.