

## Determining if Supportive Housing is Right for your Organization

Becoming involved in a supportive housing project represents a significant commitment for any organization. Before beginning the planning, process and determining your organization's role, it is important to examine the key features of supportive housing and ensure they fit your organization's goals and mission. The questions below are designed to help your organization examine its potential involvement in supportive housing. You can also download a copy of these questions.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Targeting vulnerable populations, including those individuals and families experiencing homelessness, those residing in institutional care, and with multiple barriers to employment and housing stability? (these may include mental health and substance use issues, disabling or chronic health conditions, and/or histories of justice involvement)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Ensuring that the housing is affordable to very low-income tenants for the life of the project, so that tenant households ideally pay no more than 30% of their household income toward rent?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Facilitating the ability of tenants to quickly and easily access housing without barriers or preconditions, so that they can use it as a platform for health, recovery, and personal growth?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Providing all supportive housing tenants with a lease or sublease identical to that of non-supportive housing tenants - with no limits on length of tenancy, as long as the terms and conditions of the lease are met?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Ensuring that service providers will actively engage households in a wide array of supportive services without requiring participation as a condition of the lease?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Collaborating with partners, both during the planning phase and for the life of the project, to ensure the stability of tenants and the project? (These include designing and implementing eviction prevention policies and procedures to ensure the project helps tenants meet their goals.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Ensuring that the project and its tenants are integrated in the community, participating in community dialogue and activities, and supporting tenants in building strong social support networks?