



## 2024 Georgia Supportive Housing Institute (SHI) **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Do we need to have an approved Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) designation in order to apply?**

No, the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) designation is not required of any team member.

### **Will the SHI be an annual event in the case the team or organization is not selected this round?**

The SHI is being strongly contemplated as an annual event, but it is subject to funding availability.

### **Is the developer required to have the 4-5 LIHTC deals experience per DCA?**

#### **Can an out-of-state co-developer apply as part of a team?**

Established teams must include a certifying entity (as defined on page 58 of the [State of Georgia 2024-2025 Qualified Allocation plan](#)) for both the developer and general partner entities that meet DCA experience and capacity requirements in the [State of Georgia 2024-2025 Qualified Allocation Plan \(QAP\)](#) for the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority (GHFA) Low Income Housing Tax Credit (“LIHTC”) program, per Section XVIII Project Team Qualifications in the 2024-2025 QAP. The developer and property manager must be in good standing and eligible to participate in Georgia affordable housing developments per the requirements in the State of Georgia 2024-2025 QAP.

### **Does the property manager have to have LIHTC management experience and hold HCCP credential?**

The property manager’s LIHTC management experience and Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP) credential are not requirements for application to the Supportive Housing Institute. The property manager’s experience and capacity will be evaluated as a scoring component of the application.



**Does the service provider need to be CARF accredited?**

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) accreditation of the service provider is not a requirement for application to the Supportive Housing Institute.

**Can a developer participate on more than one team?**

The primary consideration is that the Institute affords the best opportunity for the greatest number of project teams to benefit and participate. While it is not prohibited for one development entity to participate on more than one Eligible Team, the Institute is structured to include significant team breakout time, and there must be a dedicated representative from the developer for each team.

**Will conceptual project teams still be able to access funding opportunities for their projects?**

Eligible teams (those applying as an established team are expected to submit a project concept and work towards a specific development proposal during the Institute) will have the opportunity to receive competitive points in a future DCA Supportive Housing NOFO. Subject to funding, DCA intends to release this NOFO in early 2025. Eligible Teams must include, at a minimum, a housing development/owner partner, a property manager, and a supportive services provider. At this time, conceptual teams that are matched after the SHI application deadline will not be eligible for additional points in the Supportive Housing NOFO.

**Is the intent that these selected teams will apply within the NOFA round and again in the 9% LIHTC Round?**

Established Teams working toward a project proposal will be eligible for competitive points in an upcoming DCA Supportive Housing NOFO to be issued in 2025, as well as to apply for CSH supportive housing financing. Further, it is the intention that the Supportive Housing NOFO will provide favorable financing points in the 2025 9% LIHTC round. Further information regarding competitive scoring will be released upon publication of the NOFO.

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**Is there a cost affiliated with the application process for the institute if you are accepted?** The SHI has no cost to the attendees thanks to GA DCA funding. SHI teams will be responsible for all travel expenses for in-person sessions and other SHI related events.

**Could a project consist of an existing structure being converted to meet the needs of the tenants?**

Rehabilitation, preservation and new construction projects are all eligible to apply.

**What is the minimum number of units for a project?**

There is no minimum unit requirement for team projects applying to the SHI. The desired SH pipeline would include multiple units in a multi-family housing setting as opposed to individual units/beds in a single-family house or shared housing arrangement. Depending on the funding sources being sought after the Institute, including project-based vouchers, unit minimums may apply. Note that the SHI is intended to encourage the development of both integrated and single-site supportive housing. Developments may include up to 100% Supportive Housing units.

**Do you know the specific in-person training date for October yet?**

**Please advise of the exact dates and locations for each of the 14 sessions between October 2024 and February 2025.**

The SHI in-person sessions will be full day sessions on October 7-8<sup>th</sup> in Macon, GA, anticipated to begin at 10:00am and 9:00am EST, respectively.

The final schedule, in-person locations and duration of each training day will be communicated to cohort closer to Institute start. An additional in-person session may be scheduled. In-person sessions are expected to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a break for lunch.

On virtual training days, participants should expect to be engaged with the Institute for 3 to 4 hours (i.e.: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) with rest breaks.

Times and durations are subject to change. The tentative schedule is shown below.



Session	Date	Location
1	7-Oct	In Person in Macon
2	8-Oct	In Person in Macon
3	22-Oct	Virtual
4	23-Oct	Virtual
5	13-Nov	Virtual
6	14-Nov	Virtual
7	14-Nov	Virtual
8	Week of Dec 9	TBD Virtual or In Person
9	Week of Dec 9	TBD Virtual or In Person
10	Week of Jan	Virtual
11	Week of Jan	
12	Week of Feb 3	Virtual
13	Week of Feb	In Person, location TBD