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Subject: Enriched Housing Operating Assistance
Program for State Fiscal Year 2026-27

Dear Enriched Housing Program Operator:

The Department of Health ("Department") is pleased to announce that funding is available under the Enriched Housing Operating Assistance Program ("Program") for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-27. The purpose of the Program is to enhance the quality of care provided to individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits by providing additional funding to certified Not-For-Profit (NFP) Enriched Housing Program (EHP) operators to improve service delivery to eligible residents and to assist in meeting residents' needs. Accordingly, eligible participants are operators of Not-For-Profit Enriched Housing Programs who provide services to individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits, have not indicated intent to close during the calendar year, and are compliant with applicable statutes and regulations.

A total amount of **\$380,000** is available for the 2026-27 state fiscal year. The payment amount for each eligible Enriched Housing Program operator will be calculated based on the number of residents receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits, as self-reported to the Department via submission of monthly resident rosters. Payments made to eligible Enriched Housing Program operators under this Program must be used only for expenditures incurred providing services to residents receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits.

Application Availability and Deadline for Submission

The electronic application for the State Fiscal Year 2026-27 Program will be posted on the Health Commerce System (HCS) effective October 13, 2026. The application can be accessed by logging onto HCS at the following link: <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>. **On the HCS Home Page, within the "My Applications" panel, click "SMART", then click "Surveys". In the "Survey Name" column locate "Enriched Housing Operating Assistance Program Application" and click the "Open Survey" icon in the "Actions" column.**

Completed applications must be electronically submitted by 5:00 pm November 4, 2026. Hard copies will not be accepted. No extensions will be granted. The application will be unavailable after the submission deadline.

Application Requirements

Eligible Program participants must adhere to the enclosed Conditions for Participation.

Eligible Enriched Housing Program operators who do not wish to be considered for funding should complete Section A: "Acceptance/Declination to Participate in Program," and submit their declination of participation through the HCS application.

Questions regarding this program should be directed to acffinrpt@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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