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To: Community Mental Health Program (CMHP) Directors
Residential Specialists, Housing Developers and Housing Providers
Other Interested Persons

From: *Madeline M. Olson, Deputy to*
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Assistant Director

Re: Availability of Housing Development Funds from the Oregon
Community Mental Health Housing Fund

Pursuant to ORS 426.506, the Oregon Department of Human Services, through its Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH), is pleased to announce the availability of housing development funds from the Community Mental Health Housing Fund. In 1999, legislation was enacted specifying that proceeds from the sale of the Dammasch State Hospital property be deposited in a restricted fund within the State Treasury and used to support the development of housing for persons with chronic mental illness. This announcement solicits applications for the development of community housing for these individuals.

Applicants may request up to \$100,000. The funds will be available for the purpose of creating new community housing opportunities for people with a serious mental illness. Eligible uses of the funds are restricted to property acquisition costs, pre-development costs, new construction and/or rehabilitation of buildings, and other activities directly related to establishing new community housing.


Application materials are attached. Please read the materials thoroughly and use the prescribed format. To be considered for funding, ***applications must be postmarked by December 15, 2006.*** It is expected that award decisions will be announced by January 24, 2007.

Community mental health programs (CMHPs) are encouraged to work with local housing partners who have the capacity and expertise to develop high quality and sustainable community housing. CMHPs are also encouraged to work in partnership with mental health consumers, their families and other key

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stakeholders to plan community housing that will be responsive to the local needs of people with psychiatric disabilities. Applicants must obtain a letter of endorsement from the local CMHP Director to be eligible for funding.

I appreciate the interest that exists among local mental health service providers and housing partners in improving housing opportunities for adults with psychiatric disabilities. If you have any questions or would like technical assistance, please contact Jeff Puterbaugh, Housing Development Coordinator at (503) 947-5533 or jeffrey.l.puterbaugh@state.or.us.

Attachments

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