

The HFA 80/20 Supportive Housing Pilot Project

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Rebuilding Lives Together

Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS)

CUCS offers a range of programs & services to more than 20,000 individuals and families in NYC.

- Street Outreach
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- ACT Team
- Supported Employment Services
- PPOH - Project for Psychiatric Outreach to the Homeless
- Single Stop Entitlements Assistance

CUCS also shares knowledge with several thousand staff annually through training & consultation and offers these services throughout the nation.



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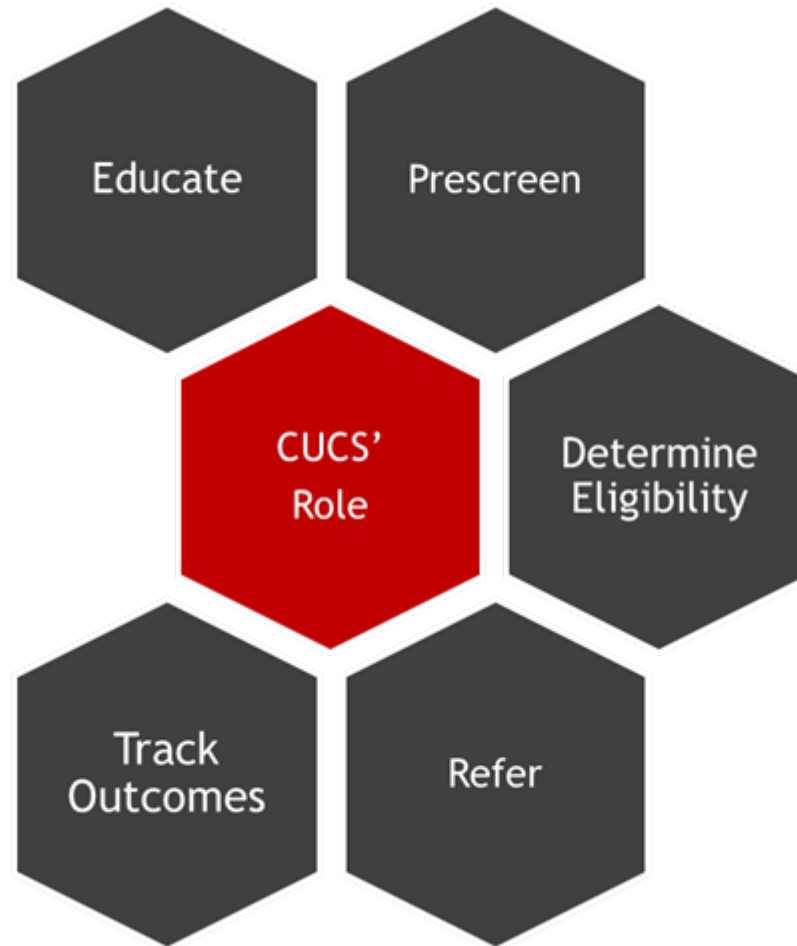
- New York Housing Finance Agency (HFA) piloted a program

Supportive
Housing to
80/20 Housing

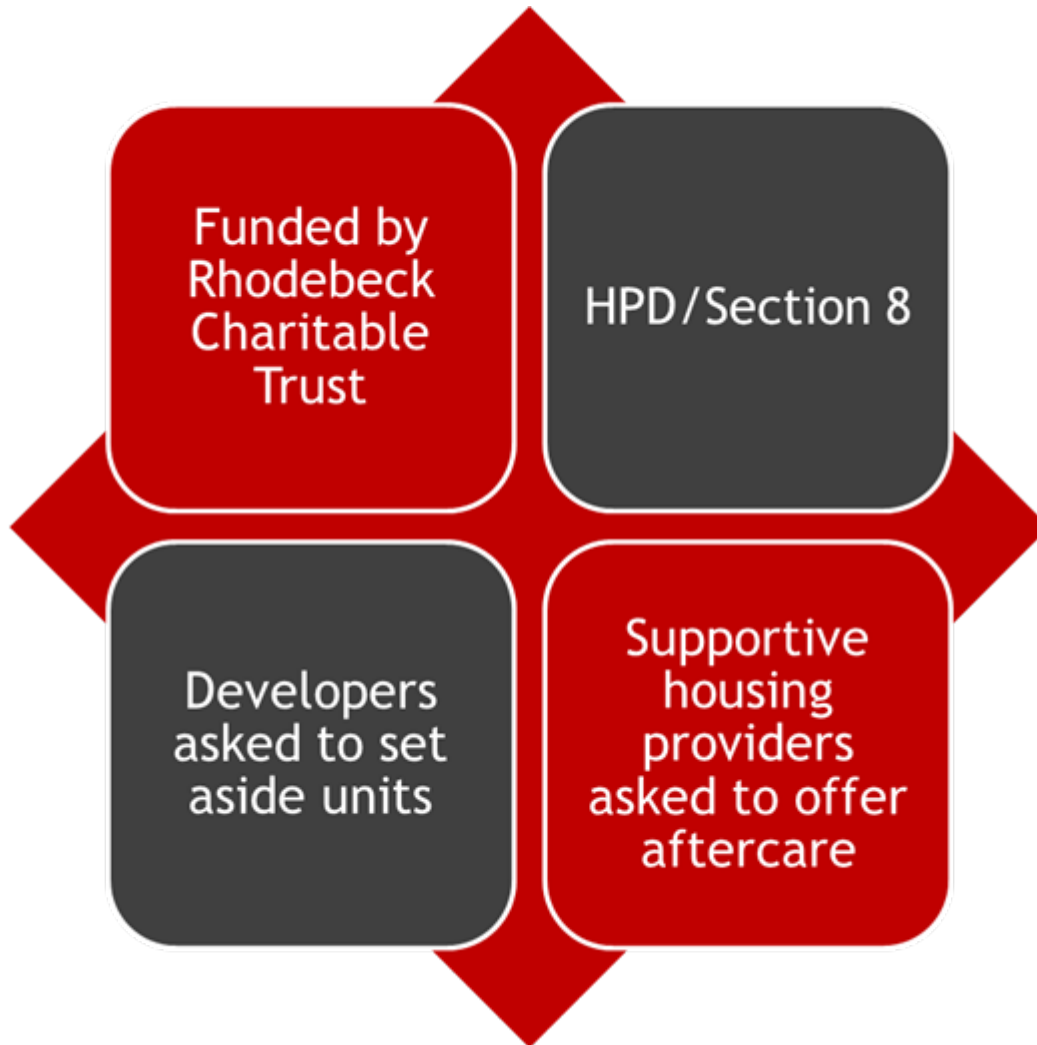
Goals

- Increase supportive units for homeless
- Provide opportunities for affordable housing

The Role of CUCS



Program Design



Pre-Screening Criteria

Requirements:

Residing in supportive housing at least 2 years

AND

Portable section 8 voucher

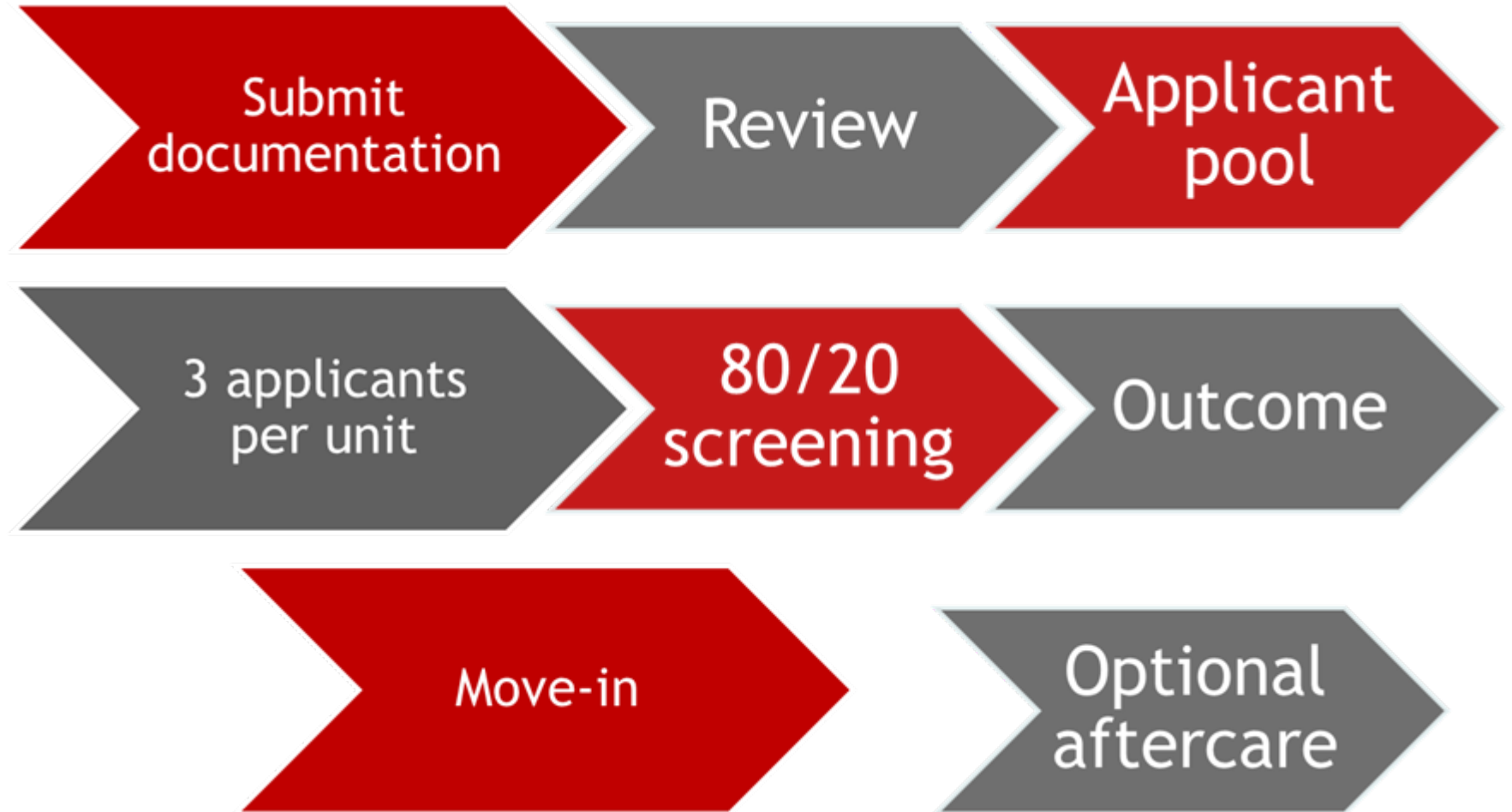
OR

HASA Applicant OR
Working Applicant

Additional Pre-Screening Criteria

- Applicant must have an acceptable credit score, and must provide CUCS with a copy of their Credit Report
- Applicant was in good standing with the landlord and/or property manager including:
 - ✓ no rent arrears in the past 24 months
 - ✓ no reports of property damage, failed apartment inspection, or complaints by neighbors or staff in past 24 months
 - ✓ No felony convictions within the past 10 years

The Application and Referral Process



Project Data - Life of Project

From 6/9/2009 - 4/3/2012:

Total # of Units Set Aside by Developers: 13

Total Applications Received: 76

Total # of Units Filled: 9

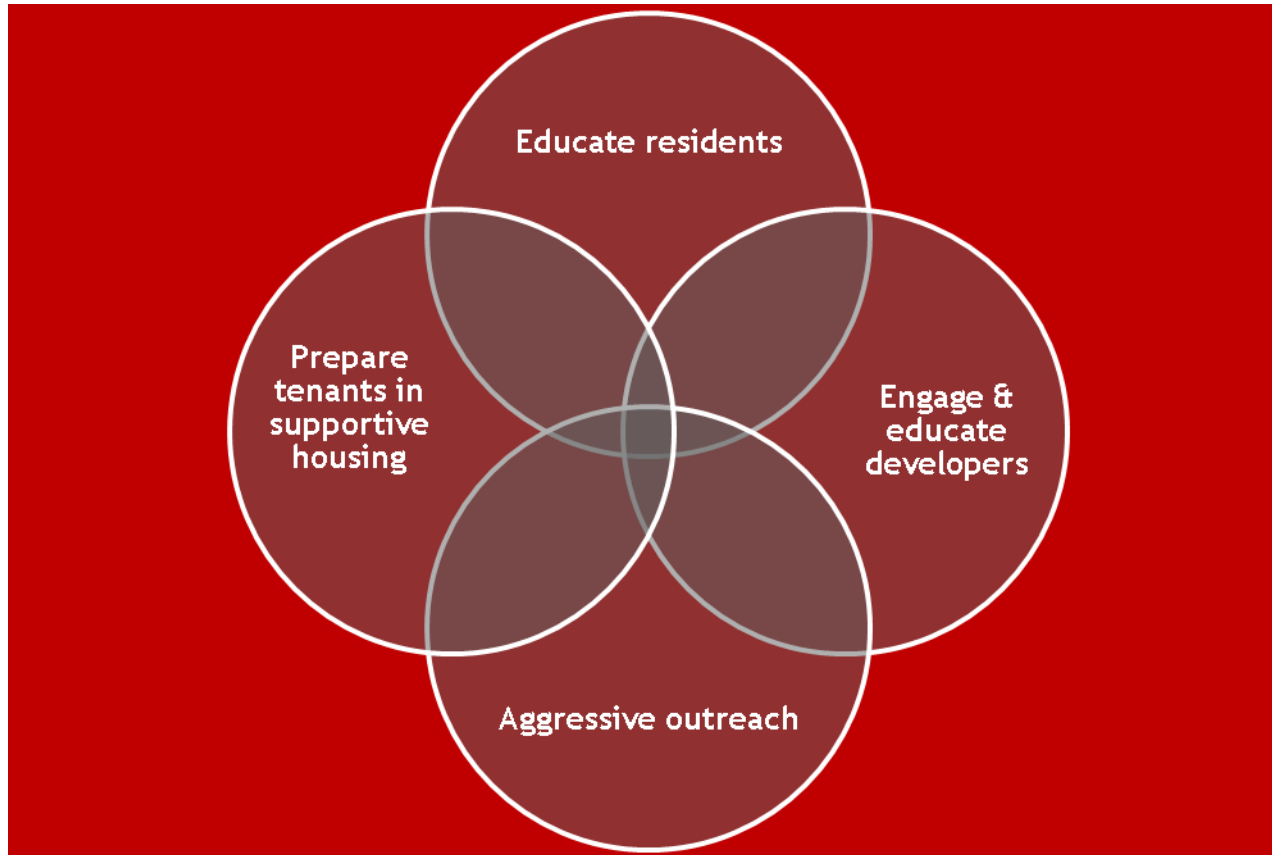
Programmatic Challenges

- Finding applicants who felt they were ready to move and who met all basic eligibility requirements
- Loss of dedicated Portable Section 8 Vouchers for this pilot
- Inability to move with HASA Rent Subsidy if monthly income > \$824
- Working individuals not earning enough for minimum
- Poor credit and/or debt to income ratio not sustainable
- No units larger than a studio provided
- Lack of interest in referrals to Brooklyn
- The grant funding was not renewed after the end of the second year

Program Successes

- All nine who moved on still housed
- Nine additional homeless individuals now have housing
- Availability of optional 'aftercare' from previous provider helped several applicants to consider moving on
- Many applicants found the financial counseling aspect of the pilot helpful and informative
- Applicants who went through the prescreening process felt it helped them prepare adequately for the formal screening

Lessons Learned/Future Challenges



Some Final Thoughts

Thank You!

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