

# HHAP INCREASE: FACT SHEET



## Increase funding for the Homeless Housing Assistance Program to \$256 million in FY 2025-26

Since 1983, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance's **Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP)** has provided **capital for supportive housing and emergency shelter**. It provides the sole **capital funding in small projects in rural areas, gap funding in larger projects, and critical preservation funding**.

- ! This year, with the need at an all-time high, **HHAP funding has run out in less than *four months***, delaying projects another year.
- ! The governor added \$25M to the \$128M budget, which falls short of the **total need of \$256M**.

### Why increase HHAP?

- **Homelessness** increased in NYS by **50%** last year
- **Construction costs** skyrocketed
- **Increased demand to build shelters** in communities that rely on expensive motels



#### Understanding the Need: The Naragansett, Manhattan

Housing and Services Inc., The Narragansett, Manhattan: This 120-year-old building—home to 100 tenants, 78 of whom have chronic physical and behavioral health conditions—was left waiting for HHAP this year after two years of attempting preservation. The building's aging heating and cooling systems pose a life-threatening risk to its medically-frail tenants, and the deteriorating plumbing system at risk of failing, could displace 25% of the tenants.



#### HHAP funding has played a critical role in hundreds of residences, most recently these:



**The Highbridge, Bronx:** Created by Samaritan Daytop Village, The Highbridge offers 316 deeply affordable apartments, including 190 supportive units.



**Quality Inn Conversion, Kingston:** This motel conversion will create 83 units of affordable housing, including 70 supportive units as well as community amenities, such as a two-story daycare facility.



**Cara House, Schenectady:** Bethesda House expands to Cara House, creating 26 units of supportive housing and an additional 11 transitional.

