



The [Supportive Housing Network of New York](#) (the Network) released the following statement in response to Governor Kathy Hochul's 2025 State of the State:

*"We were excited and grateful to see Governor Kathy Hochul prioritizing investment in supportive housing - a proven tool for combatting chronic homelessness.*

*"The governor's proposed increase in funding for the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP), the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI), and the New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP) demonstrate a deep understanding of, and commitment to, a holistic approach to assisting unhoused New Yorkers that was pioneered right here in this state more than four decades ago.*

*"But as times have changed and the challenges our community faces have grown, the funding model for supportive housing has not kept pace. Currently, some 9,000 NYSSHP supportive housing units are at risk of going offline due to aging infrastructure and rising operating costs. If we are to maximize our potential to assist New Yorkers in need, we must – as the governor rightly said, 'build, build, build' new affordable units with on-site services, but also preserve existing units to ensure we are making forward progress, and not merely running in place.*

*"We eagerly anticipate the details of these investments in the forthcoming 2025-26 executive budget proposal next week and look forward to partnering with the governor and our legislative champions to ensure these initiatives are impactful, accessible, and implemented quickly.*

*"In Governor Hochul's own words, 'a stable home is the foundation of a stable life.' Once passed and implemented, these investments will be a crucial step toward ending homelessness and providing stability for individuals and families across New York."*

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