

## Supportive Housing

In November 2015, Mayor de Blasio announced his landmark commitment to provide 15,000 units of supportive housing over the next 15 years to the most vulnerable New Yorkers. Supportive housing is affordable housing with supportive services, including both mental and physical healthcare access, connection to alcohol and substance abuse programs, and other social services. It is a proven, cost-effective approach to addressing the needs of New Yorkers struggling with mental illness, homelessness, and substance use. It reduces usage of homeless shelters, hospitals, mental health institutions, and jails/prisons.

This initiative builds off the success of three previous initiatives, known as the New York/New York Agreements which, in total, built a little over 14,000 units of supportive housing in New York City. The most recent agreement, NY/NY III, expanded the populations served in supportive housing to include families and youth with great success. The mayor's 15,000-unit commitment will reflect the lessons learned over the last 30 years and incorporate the combined wisdom of the supportive housing community.

If you have research or evaluation questions that you would like to propose for this initiative, please submit a proposal following the instructions below and also on the ThriveNYC Investigator's Hub website.

Proposals of no more than 5 pages, single spaced, should include:

- Proposed specific aims and hypotheses
- Approach and methodology
- Investigative Team
- Resources available to conduct study and resources requested
- Requests/Assumptions about collaboration with DOHMH
- Human Subjects Protection
- Proposed Budget

Researchers will be required to obtain their own funding and will be provided with consultation support and facilitation from the Center for Innovation in Mental Health at the City University of New York School of Public Health. Data transfer and data use agreements will be established prior to any data transfer. Proposals and questions should be submitted to:

[cimh@sph.cuny.edu](mailto:cimh@sph.cuny.edu). Proposals are reviewed on a rolling basis.