



## Gov. Cuomo's Executive Budget and its Impact on Supportive Housing

- **OTDA Homeless Housing Prevention Services Program - \$ 28.7 million**

The Executive Budget increased its baseline of the Homeless Housing Prevention Services Program, which funds the New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP), the Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP) and the Operational Support for AIDS Housing Program by \$1.4 million. However, due to \$3 million in legislative adds last year, the program budget is \$1.6 million less than last year's final budget of \$30.3 million.

- **Homeless Housing Assistance Program(HHAP)**

The Executive Budget proposes funding the HHAP Capital program at \$30 million and transferring the program authority and staff from OTDA to Homes & Community Renewal (HCR). The goal of the transfer is to create a more streamlined process for nonprofit developers, encouraging supportive housing development, creating a more efficient process for the State, reducing duplicative efforts and increasing the effectiveness of the State's housing programs. Article VII in the budget includes language that will transfer chairmanship from the OTDA Commissioner to the HCR Commissioner and expand HHAC Board membership to include OMH and OASAS. OTDA will also remain a member of the Board. OTDA HHAP staff will be transferred to HCR, preserving programmatic expertise; HCR and OTDA will work closely on service components of HHAP projects, with OTDA providing input regarding project applications and program administration.

- **\$1 Billion House NY Program**

The Executive Budget proposes a new "House NY" program that would invest \$1 billion of additional resources over five years to preserve and create 14,300 affordable housing units statewide. This multi-year initiative would include the revitalization of 45 Mitchell Lama affordable housing projects that suffer from significant physical deterioration (\$706 million), the creation and preservation of over 5,000 affordable housing units through various housing and community development programs (\$231 million) and other initiatives. As part of the "House NY" Program, the Mitchell-Lama affordable housing asset portfolio will be transferred from Empire State Development to HCR to preserve over 8,600 units of affordable rental housing throughout the State. It is unclear at this time what all of the programs are that are part of House NY. More details to follow.

- **Housing Trust Fund** capital funding is maintained at last year's level of \$32.2 million.

- **Neighborhood and Rural Preservation Program Funding - Utilize MIF Resources to Support the NPP/RPP and the RRAP**

The Executive Budget proposes to utilize \$64 million in excess reserves from the Mortgage Insurance Fund (MIF) to support the Neighborhood and Rural Preservation Programs (NPP/RPP) and the Rural Rental Assistance Program (RRAP) through the Housing Trust Fund Corporation for a two year period. Additionally, the budget proposes to consolidate the NPP and RPP into a single Community Preservation Program and implement reforms to encourage greater accountability and performance.

### **NEW YORK/NEW YORK III**

- **Department of Health (DOH) AIDS Institute** – The entire DOH Aids Institute budget was lumped into one budget line giving the Commissioner full discretion on funding allocations. In addition, the budget received a 13% cut. It is not clear how much will be included for DOH AIDS Institute NY/NY III service funding.
- **Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS)** – OCFS NY/NY III funding was maintained at last year's level of \$2,137,000.
- **OMH** - OMH NY/NY III service funding was maintained at last year's level and is on schedule to fund the remaining 650 units.
- **Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)** - \$5.1 million was allocated to support additional NY-NY III family units.

### **MEDICAID REDESIGN**

- **MRT Supportive Housing Fund**  
The Executive Budget funds the Supportive Housing Fund at \$91 million. This fund will continue to provide service funding, rent subsidies and capital dollars to create supportive housing for high cost Medicaid recipients. The MRT Affordable Housing Workgroup is currently working with the state agencies to determine the most effective and efficient way to spend this funding and is drafting recommendations for the allocation plan to be finalized in February, 2013.