



## **New York State Supportive Housing Program: Talking Points for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget**

- **Key request:** Fund an additional \$4.1 million in the OTDA Homeless Housing & Prevention Services budget to fully fund the New York State Supportive Housing Program.
- New York State funds cost-effective, housing-based supportive services and homelessness prevention programs through the Homeless Housing & Prevention Services budget line funded at \$28.7 million in the SFY2013-14 Executive Budget (*Aid to Localities*, pg. 316 - line 45). This budget line provides **\$4.1 million less** than what is necessary to adequately fund these programs.
- To adequately fund existing programs and new supportive housing units coming on line this fiscal year, the Homeless Housing & Prevention Services budget line needs to be increased by \$4.1 million – funded at \$32.8 million.
- This budget line supports the New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP), which pays for essential housing-based services and supports, including 24-hour building security and case management for individuals, families and youth, in 270 supportive housing residences containing 17,199 units throughout the state.
- This year's underfunding of NYSSHP endangers the stability of fragile tenants living in 39 residences around the state, totaling 1,256 units that face a complete loss of this funding.
- These cuts put nonprofit providers, investors and communities at great risk as they try to maintain minimal but critical support services to keep high-risk tenants safely housed.
- The final budget needs to include an additional **\$4.1 million** to the **Homeless Housing & Prevention Services** budget line to fully fund the **NYS Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP)**.