

In two decades since its emergence, supportive housing has been recognized and adopted as one of the central vehicles used by communities to address homelessness, and to avoid repeat cycles through institutions (e.g., emergency rooms, psychiatric hospitals, and other restricted environments). The need for nationwide supportive housing is conservatively estimated at 226,000 units according to Centers for Supportive Housing. In the state of Wisconsin over 13,300 units are estimated to be needed state-wide. The supportive housing model is now a familiar paradigm that assists with housing, but also complements housing needs through providing resources for individuals who need comprehensive and flexible support services.

The 66th Street housing development aims to provide an integrated housing strategy that reserves 20-percent of total units for individuals who earn at or below 30% of area median income. This population is inherently at risk and often faces periods of housing insecurity. This project seeks to provide supportive resources for those not only facing housing insecurity, but also individuals with the following needs:

- **Homeless Persons with Disabilities and Homeless Families. The Continuum of Care units will be targeted to homeless individuals with disabilities (physical disabilities, and chronic health conditions) and to homeless families (including families in which one or more members has a disability). It is estimated that about half of these households will meet HUD's definition of chronic homelessness. These households are expected to be earning between 0% and 20% of AMI.**
- **Developmentally Disabled Individuals. Some units will be targeted to individuals with Developmental Disabilities, the majority of whom will also be at-risk of homelessness due to their extremely low incomes.**
- **Elderly individuals with chronic illnesses who qualify for supports based on needs, and income.**
- **Veteran households. Veterans Populations referral source will be through partnership with the Milwaukee area veteran's initiative. Veterans are often vulnerable to housing instability, and homelessness.**

KEY PARTNERS: Medicaid and Managed Care Organizations through a contracted supported care provider, and community resource liaisons. This model will increase access to comprehensive, community-based support services that promote whole health and maximize choice, independence, and community connection for vulnerable populations.

The primary referral sources for providing tenancy to the units will come from our key partners as stated above, more specifically working with Milwaukee County Continuum of Care through the Housing First initiative, as well as referrals from county Family Care managed care organization such as My Choice Family Care which currently has 40,000 members statewide, Community Care Family Care, and Community Care Pace Partnership.

These referral sources will be coordinated through our Supportive Housing Services Coordinator as provided.

The need for supportive housing and services based on the data of 13,300 units needed in the state alone, far exceeds the current available supportive units. Our development will assist in providing additional supportive housing stock for our community. In addition, Milwaukee County Continuum of Care Housing First rental subsidies, which specifically target the area's homeless population, can be provided for qualified applicants. Referrals from the various Family Care (Managed Care Organizations) supportive service providers can provide services under reimbursement from these programs based on individual service needs, which increases housing sustainability.

The development outlines the needs of supported tenants which are inclusive, but not exclusive of the below service needs for each population:

Development Partners within the 66th Street Development team have been in the supportive housing field for over a decade. Based on the industry gold standards as outlined by the Centers for Supportive Housing research, it has been demonstrated that special needs populations, and particularly homeless and at-risk individuals and families, require a rich array of support services to help them maintain stable housing, to achieve their life goals, and to grow and thrive towards greater self-determination and self-sufficiency. The 66TH street development have evaluated other projects with populations that are similar to the 66th street, and through consideration and research within the field of supportive housing arrived at the following description of the expected service needs of the target populations:

- **Population Service Needs of all supported tenants will include Intake and assessment, information and referral, recreational and socialization activities, community building activities, support groups, onsite educational opportunities (i.e., computer classes).**
- **Veterans' population Intensive case management, with emphasis on behavioral health and primary health issues, independent living skills, and employment/educational goals. Intensive case management includes individualized service planning and goal setting, coordination of services, counseling and support, crisis intervention, intensive assistance with accessing mainstream services and other community-based resources. The service needs of homeless families will also include parenting support, childcare and after school programs resources.**
- **Developmentally disabled tenants Intensive case management, with emphasis on independent living skills and vocational/educational goals. Intensive case management includes individualized service planning and goal setting, counseling and support, coordination of services, and assistance with accessing mainstream services and other community-based resources.**
- **Transportation and resource coordinator for the supported population.**

Eligibility for the 66th Street Development includes the following guidelines.

- Resident of the State of Wisconsin
- Supportive Services is appropriate to meet the person's needs, and these resources help housing sustainability.
- Backgrounds Checks will be applied to all applicants.

This development will Continue to cultivate key partner relationships to continue to further the mission and vision of housing inclusiveness, but also enhance community. Offering supportive care is another way in which we further this mutual goal.