

	Application Section	Application Question	Threshold Criteria	Scoring Criteria	Total Possible Points	
See Appendix A. 2024 PSH NOFA Application - Fillable PDF	PSH Service Provider & Partnerships (2 Points)	Name one point of contact for all organizations included in the project including PSH Service Provider(s), and (if applicable) Owner and Property Manager. Please designate one lead contact for the application.	All direct recipients of service funding must be JOHS qualified vendors of Supportive Housing services, as listed in Appendix D. Non-qualified vendors that are partnered with a qualified vendor can be funded through subcontracts.	Unscored	0	
		Is the project led by or include funded partnerships with one or more culturally-specific organizations or programs that specialize in serving one or more BIPOC communities?		1: Yes 0: No	1	
		Would the project expand the pool of organizations funded by the Joint Office to provide PSH services?		1: Yes 0: No	1	
		Project-based Only: Have you spoken with the Property Management Company about your application to incorporate PSH units, and if so, what was their response?		Unscored		
		Partnership Projects Only: If your proposal includes more than one organization, provide a list and brief description of the specific role each organization will play in the program and how organizations will work together.		Unscored	0	
		Partnership Projects Only: Partnerships between providers, particularly between large, dominant-culture providers and small, culturally-specific providers, should build power, not exploit. If your proposal includes subcontracting or partnering with small and/or culturally specific providers, how does your proposal uplift and center these small and/or culturally specific providers in a way that builds power in those organizations?		Projects that include multiple service providers partnering to serve PSH tenants are encouraged. All partnership projects must include a point of contact for each listed partner. A letter of support or endorsement from partner organizations is required at point of award, but does not need to be included with the application. Partnerships between providers, particularly between large, dominant-culture providers and small, culturally-specific providers, should build power, not exploit. If the proposal includes subcontracting or partnering with small and/or culturally specific providers, the application must demonstrate that these partners played a leadership role in determining the budget and overall direction of the project. The small and/or culturally-specific providers can define what leadership means in these partnerships, and the JOHS will look to the letter of endorsement to confirm that this criteria is met.	Unscored	0
		Partnership Projects Only: A letter of support or endorsement from all partner organizations is required at point of award, but does not need to be included with the application.			Unscored	0
	Project Type (Unscored)	Is the project proposing tenant-based, project-based and/or agency-leased PSH?	Unscored	0		
		Project-based Only: Name and address of housing development	Unscored	0		
		Project-based Only: Is this an existing development or a development coming online by June 30, 2025?	Unscored	0		
		What is the total number of residential apartments and the apartment mix (e.g. # of studios, # of 1 BRs, # 2 BRs...) in the entire complex?	Unscored	0		
		What is the proposed apartment mix for the PSH apartments, and what are the rent limits for these apartments? Please note if any of the units are ADA accessible.	Note: The JOHS will prioritize project-based PSH projects that are otherwise similarly scored and include studios, 1 Bedrooms and larger-sized apartments over projects that include Single Room Occupancy (SRO) PSH apartments. There are a large number of SRO PSH apartments already in the system, and there are significant limitations to the ability of SROs to meet the needs of PSH households. The JOHS will also prioritize project-based PSH projects that include ADA-accessible units.	Unscored	0	
	Timeline (Unscored)	Does the project need rent assistance through the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program or is the project leveraging existing rent assistance? (The JOHS anticipates that most projects will need RLRA).	Unscored			
		If awarded in November 2024, please include a brief timeline of anticipated milestones that demonstrates how you will begin implementation by April 2025 (or by July 2025 if PSH Service Provider(s) will be newly contracting with the Joint Office and/or new to delivering PSH services).	Projects led by providers that are currently funded by the Joint Office to provide PSH services should be prepared to begin the contracting process in January 2025, and begin implementing programming by April 2025. We expect awarded service providers that are new to contracting with the Joint Office and/or new to delivering PSH services to take longer—these projects should be prepared to begin implementing programming in July 2025.	Unscored	0	
		Project-based Only: If the development is coming online, what is the estimated completion date and estimated date that the project will be ready for PSH referrals?		Unscored	0	
		Project-based Only: If it is an existing development, provide any details that will influence the timeline for creating new PSH. For example, are all apartments currently leased and how many apartments typically turnover in a year?	Project-based Only: The JOHS expects most or all project-based PSH apartments funded through this NOFA to be designated within existing affordable housing buildings as apartments turnover. New buildings can also apply if they will be online and ready to begin taking PSH referrals by or before June 30, 2025.	Unscored	0	
	Population served (10 Points)	Does the project propose to serve adult-only households and/or families with children? How many adult-only households does the project propose to serve? How many families with children does the project propose to serve?		Unscored	0	
		Describe the target population this project intends to serve. Maximum points will be awarded to projects serving a priority population as described in Section 3 of the NOFA.		5 = The project specifically address the needs of a community or population prioritized in the NOFA? 0 = The project does not specifically address the needs of a community or population prioritized in the NOFA	0	
				5 = A concrete explanation of how the needs of the specific population group(s) will be addressed. 2.5 = A concrete explanation of needs of the population, but strategies that are not specific to the needs of that population. 1 = An explanation of strategies that are general to the homeless population. 0 = No response.	5	
		How will the project specifically address the needs of this target population?			5	

Project scope and model (20 Points / 23 Points for Project-Based Proposals)	Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project. Please include the PSH services model, how program participants will be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing, anticipated FTE by service type and anticipated caseload sizes.	The project must adhere to the PSH Guidelines detailed in Appendix E. This must include a plan to operate in alignment with housing first, low barrier, assertive engagement and racial and social justice principles, and provide culturally responsive and/or culturally specific services. The project must have a staffing plan that allows for a PSH-level of service to be delivered to all PSH participants. A typical PSH caseload size is 1 FTE to 15-20 households.	10: Project has clearly described the entire scope of the project; project is aligned with JOHS PSH Guidelines; project has identified a comprehensive plan for supporting program participants with obtaining and remaining in permanent housing. The plan includes specific strategies for case management, supportive services, and service coordination. 7: Project has clearly defined the entire scope of the project; project has a plan for supporting program participants that is not completely comprehensive in that it is missing specific strategies for one of the following: case management, support services, and service coordination. 5: Project has described the scope of the project; project is aligned with JOHS PSH Guidelines; project has identified a plan for supporting program participants with obtaining and	10
	What methods will be used to ensure that services are culturally responsive and/or culturally specific?	The project must have written exit, exclusion and (in the case of project-based or agency-leased PSH) eviction policies that appropriately protect the interests of tenants by 1) applying a trauma-informed and equity lens to evaluating rule violations; 2) imposing sanctions short of exit or eviction wherever reasonably possible; 3) informing participants in clear terms of the reason for their exit, exclusion and/or eviction; and 4) outlining the process for appealing or grieving the decision. Except in extreme situations, exit, exclusion and eviction policies should allow for re-entry into programming under appropriate conditions. The project must submit the exit, exclusion and eviction policies to the JOHS for review and approval (does not need to be included in the application, but will need to be approved before funding can flow to the project).	5 = Response includes at least three clear strategies for cultural responsiveness and/or specificity. 3 = Two clear strategies for responsiveness/specificity. 1 = One clear strategy for responsiveness/specificity. 0 = does not effectively address the prompt.	5
	Briefly describe the project's commitment to operating as housing first and low-barrier for households in need of PSH. Project-based projects: Include in your response your commitment to low-barrier tenant screening and occupancy policies. If it is an existing development, attach a copy of your current tenant screening (attachment not included in page limit) and describe how you will reduce barriers for PSH households. Tenant-based projects: Include in your response your commitment to low-barrier exit and exclusion policies and the reasons that a participant could be exited or excluded.	Project-based only: The owner and property manager must operate the PSH apartments in compliance with the Housing First approach and implement low-barrier tenant screening and occupancy policies. PSH apartments must be made available to households with adverse credit, rental and legal histories who have extremely low incomes. The Tenant Selection Plan must have a clearly articulated process for individualized assessment for households denied based on screening criteria related to credit, rental or legal history, as well as a clearly articulated Reasonable Accommodation process. The Owner must submit the Tenant Selection Plan to the JOHS for review and approval (does not need to be included in the application, but will need to be approved before funding can flow to the project and the PSH referral process can begin). Project-based only: Occupancy policies must not require being clean and sober upon admission or to maintain housing.	5 = Response demonstrates a strong commitment to operating as housing first and low-barrier; TSP, exit and exclusion policies are clearly aligned with this intention 2.5 = The response demonstrates a commitment to operating as housing first and low-barrier, but missing key details about how TSP, exit and exclusion policies will align with this 0 = does not effectively address the prompt.	5
	Project-based Only: How does the building design and location meet the needs of the PSH target population? Are there design factors that may pose significant challenges to the PSH target population (e.g. a multi-story building without an elevator)?	Project-based only: The Owner and Property Manager must operate the PSH apartments as low-barrier housing for people with significant disabilities including severe and persistent mental illness. This includes early, consistent intervention with tenants who are out of compliance with their lease or are exhibiting behaviors that could later impact their lease, and making all efforts to avoid escalating problems that lead to evictions. The Owner, Property Manager and Service Provider will put structures and supports in place to avoid eviction of PSH tenants whenever reasonably possible.	Will not impact score if not a project-based proposal 3: clearly demonstrates how both the building design and location will meet the need of PSH residents 1.5: demonstrates how building design and/or location will meet the need of PSH residents, but missing key details 0: does not effectively address the prompt; building includes features that will pose significant challenges to PSH population	3
	Budget (Unscored)	Provide 1) the preferred amount of funds requested, 2) the minimum funds acceptable and 3) the maximum amount acceptable, along with the number of households that will be served and FTE at each funding level. For example, a project may prefer to serve 30 households, but be willing to scale down to serve 15 or scale up to serve 45 depending on the amount of funds available. The project must have a staffing plan that allows for a PSH-level of service to be delivered to all PSH participants. A typical PSH caseload size is 1 FTE to 15-20 households. The project must include a client assistance budget to support PSH participants with housing placement and retention. Client assistance is used to support households in paying for things like application fees, security deposits, moving costs, furniture, etc.	Projects may apply for a PSH services budget of up to \$15,000 per household served. Culturally specific projects, projects serving families with children, and project-based PSH projects where 25% or more of the apartments in a building will operate as PSH may apply for up to \$17,500 per household served. The requested funding amount is for PSH services only (staffing, program expenses, and client assistance) and should not include rent assistance. Unscored	Unscored
See Appendix E: JOHS PSH NOFA Budget Template	Use the PSH NOFA Budget Template (Appendix B) to provide a PSH services budget for the preferred amount of funds listed.	Unscored	0	
			Tenant-based or Agency Leasing	
			Total Possible Points	32
			Project-based	
			Total Possible Points	35