**Housing Opportunities for Individuals with Mental Illness**

**Shelter Plus Care (SPC)**, now called Continuum of Care (COC) supported housing program

Targeted population: Individuals with mental illness or for co- occurring MH/SUD.

Funding: Annual, renewable HUD grants at 9.6 mil. All grants have been submitted for renewal to Collaborative applicant (Maine Housing) for renewal.

Clients Served: Approx. 1000 vouchers/households.

Notes: All renewals have come into tier 1 for the project ranking process which is sent to HUD for review. Contracted to Centralized Administrative Agency (CAA) for statewide administration. Local Administrative Agency (LAA) model is utilized to connect clients to services seamlessly. All LAA’s are licensed MH agencies. Match dollars provided through MaineCare services.

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| Benefits | Challenges |
| * 100% rent paid until income secured. * 30% of income required, once secured. | * Homelessness required along with verifiable disability |

**1907 Rental Subsidy**

Targeted Population: Targeted population is for individuals eligible for Section 17.

Funding: $443k in state general funds for rental subsidy, housing units funded through Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA)

Clients Served: Supports 120 units through 7 contracted agencies throughout the state

Notes: Project based housing

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| Benefits | Challenges |
| * Units owned and managed by agency/provider allowing for continued contact and support. * Units maintained by owner to meet HQS standards. * 30% of income required | * There are only 120 slots. These are run well and help individuals become housed more rapidly |

**Bridging Rental Assistance Program (BRAP)**

Targeted Population: Individual must meet criteria for Section 17 services. Priority for vouchers has three levels: first, individuals leaving psychiatric in-patient care after >72 hours, second, individuals released from a correctional facility or adjudicated through mental health court, and third, individuals experiencing homelessness as defined by US HUD. Currently the program is operating without a waiting list, therefore the priority status may be waived.

Funding: $6.6M in state general funds

Clients Served: Approx. 1000 vouchers available

Notes: Administered through CAA using the LAA’s as subcontractors.

**BRAP, continued…**

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| Benefits | Challenges |
| * Easily accessed from hospitals and correctional facilities. * Clinician may sign off that the individual is likely eligible for Section 17 services prior to receiving voucher. * Administered through MH agencies, facilitating access to supported services through housing agent. * Managed by SAMHS and able to respond to DHHS-identified needs for individuals served. * Cost savings by moving to community-based treatment vs. high-cost, potentially restrictive hospital or PNMI setting | * 51% if income required from individual * If no income, client must access GA funds until income secured. |

**By the Numbers**

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|  | Total | SPC | BRAP |
| Clients, Housed | 1719 | 901 | 818 |
| Clients, In Between Units | 109 | 51 | 58 |
| Clients, Looking Never Housed | 288 | 4 | 284 |
| Total Currently Active | 2116 | 956 | 1160 |