

Elevator Modernization and Capital Improvements in PSH

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Overview

- The FY 2022-23 budget included funding to improve quality of permanent supportive housing including:
 - \$10 million for Elevator Modernization
 - \$5 million for Capital Improvements
 - \$62.4 million for standardized case management ratios and front line staff wage floors over two years.
- →While other measures were implemented quickly, the Elevator Modernization NOFA was a complex process that required significant due diligence to ensure the program met the funding requirements.
- → FY 2023-24 budget included an additional \$10 million in Capital Improvement funding.
 - Funding opportunity released in January, anticipated notification of tentative project awards in April 2024.



Supportive Housing Portfolio

- Supportive housing slots with 16,720 beds.
 - 69% are site-based PSH
 - 16% are scattered site PSH
 - 13% are rapid rehousing
 - 3% are housing ladder
- → As of February 2024, HSH has a 7.1% vacancy rate in site-based PSH.
- ► 11 PSH buildings with ~758 units are expected to open in the next 2 years.



For more information, please visit HSH's Housing Inventory public dashboard.



Site-Based Supportive Housing Portfolio

- → As of March 2024, HSH has 9,203 units across 151 buildings.
 - 66% are non-profit owned buildings
 - 30% are master-leased buildings
 - 4% are city-owned buildings
- **~68** of the 151 PSH buildings are Single Room Occupancy (SRO) buildings
- ←Of the 68 SRO buildings operating as PSH, **38 are eligible** for this funding opportunity.
 - Eligible projects are privately owned buildings leased to a non-profit provider.



Elevator Modernization Program NOFA

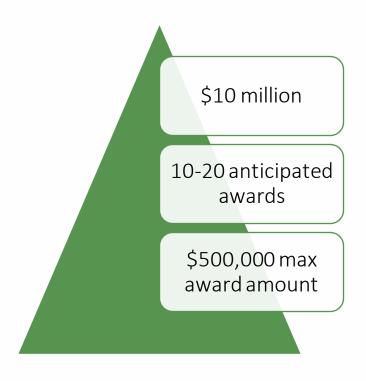
On February 16, 2024, HSH issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to address unreliable and antiquated elevators in privately owned, City-funded PSH buildings.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Existing city-funded nonprofit master lease PSH buildings with private forprofit owners;
- Private owner must contribute 50% to cost of repairs/modernization;
- Minimum 5 years remaining on master lease term (or) parties to master lease must agree to extend to a minimum of 5 years.

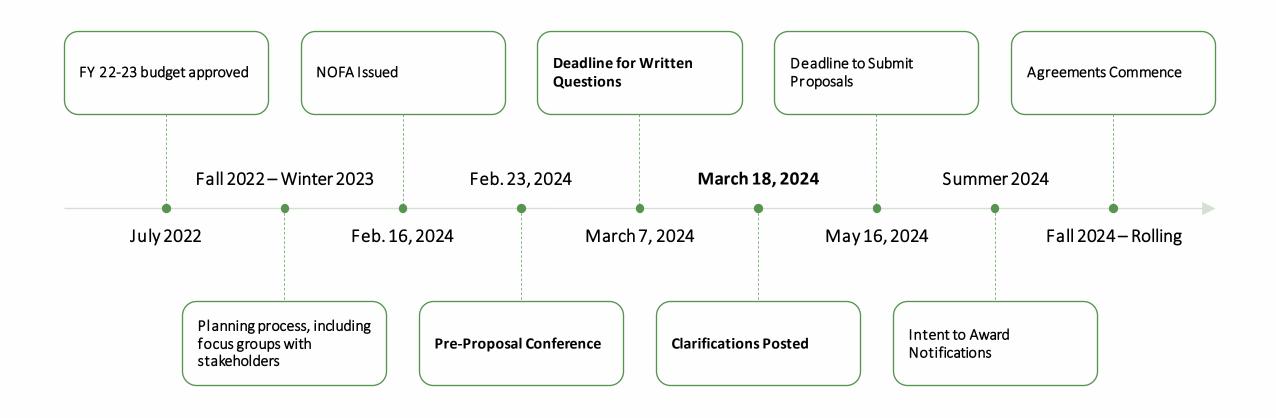
→ Prioritization

- Have the longest term remaining on their lease;
- Where owner is in **good standing** with mortgage lienholder;
- Building is in good physical condition and in good repair;
- Where the repair or modernization will result in improved health, safety, and accessibility of their residents.





NOFA Timeline





Other Considerations

- ► The complexity in developing the NOFA was because of the **policy priority** we are trying to achieve and nature of **funding source**.
- ► HSH worked with city partners and external stakeholders to create a structure in which:
 - Landlord/private owner either shares in cost upfront or commits to partial rent abatement
 - Supports sites that have at least 5 years remaining on the Master Lease, or parties must agree to extend lease to amortize the cost of the city's investment.

→ Additional considerations:

- Severe lack of staffing on HSH's real estate, contracts and housing teams;
- All-hands on deck to acquire and open 10 new PSH buildings and leverage state Homekey funds;
- Implement wage equity and PSH service enhancements, Housing Quality Standards inspection program for locally subsidized PSH units, and appropriate other capital improvement funding to PSH sites;



Recently Acquired PSH

- →By leveraging state and local funding, the city successfully acquired 10 new PSH sites since 2020.
- ► We are working to **expand** our supportive housing portfolio in a way that **aligns** with **feedback from tenants**. By focusing on acquiring newer buildings we are able to prioritize building quality, diversity building locations, and ensure quality amenities for tenants.

Recent PSH Acquistions

PSH Acquisitions

- 10 sites
- 1,053 units
- 1,551 bedrooms

Populations served

- 670 adult units
- 143 young adult units
- 240 family units





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