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### The Supportive Housing Pilots Initiative

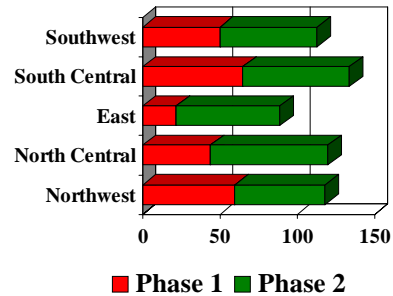
DMHAS residential support services help persons with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders learn the skills necessary to live independently in clean, safe, affordable residences. One such program, the Connecticut Supportive Housing Pilots Initiative provides community-based, affordable housing options and supportive services for persons who are facing homelessness. Through the initiative, more than fifty public and private sponsor agencies across the state are cooperating to produce over 500 new units of service-enriched housing during the next four years to serve 600 people.

#### Services that meet individual needs

All tenants of this housing will have access to flexible, individualized services to find and retain permanent housing, increase their skills and income, and achieve greater self-determination. Case-management coordinates the services that each tenant needs to live independently and maintain residential stability. Other services include:

- ✓ Training in independent living skills
- ✓ Employment readiness and retention
- ✓ Peer support and mentoring
- ✓ Reconnections to family and friends
- ✓ Connections to community treatment programs

Number of Persons to be Served



#### **Phase I – 200 Supportive Apartments**

DMHAS provides \$2.1 million for support services for over 240 families and individuals to be housed under the Pilots Initiative. Fifty providers around Connecticut used the State’s commitment of these funds as match to apply for rent subsidies through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a result, HUD has awarded over \$6 million to date in rent subsidies for Pilots participants. Providers are currently identifying local apartments, establishing relationships with landlords, engaging clients, and helping tenants get established in their new homes.

#### **Phase II (proposed) – 300 Additional Supportive Apartments**

These additional apartments will serve 330 people who are still living in shelters, on the street, in unsafe housing, or who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.