## Peer Support Funding Info Session

May 15, 2019



# Agenda

- Presentation
- Q&A



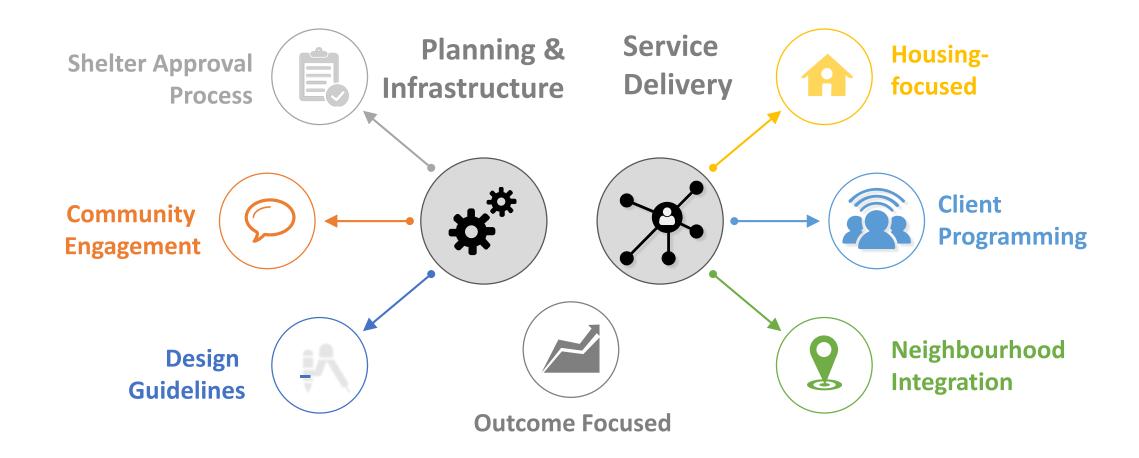
# Peer Support is part of the New Shelter Service Model(NSSM) Pilot

#### **NSSM** aims to:

- Document current Housing First service models in shelters
- Learn from and build on what's already working
- Facilitate more consistent service delivery across shelter programs



#### **New Shelter Service Model**





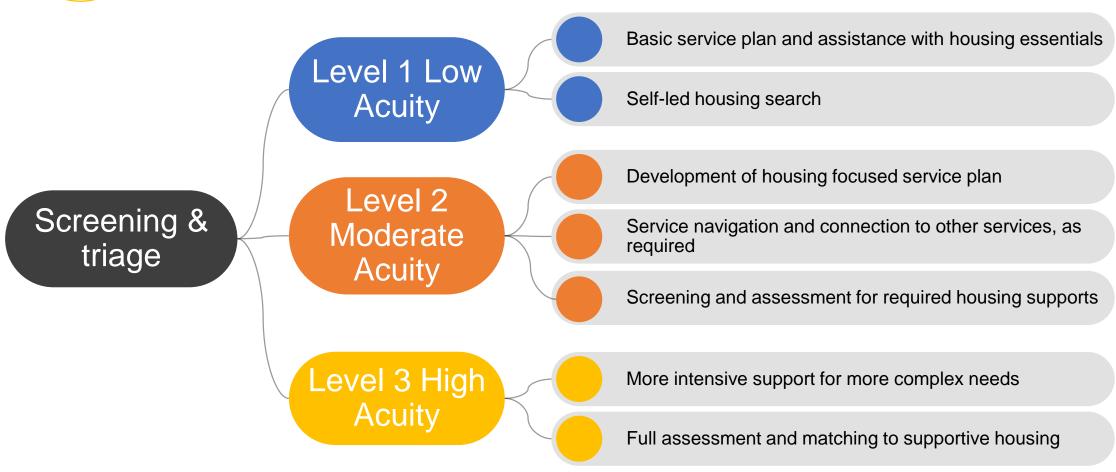


- In addition to front-line staff, each site will have:
  - ✓ Supervisor/team lead
    - System navigator & service resolution role
    - Caseload management and oversight
  - ✓ Housing workers/ case managers 1:20 client ratio
    - Conduct assessments
    - Individualized service planning & housing search
  - ✓ Community outreach and partnerships lead



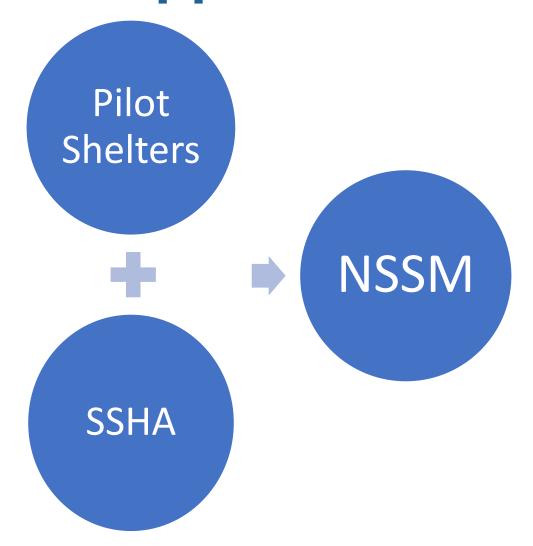


#### Screening and Assessment





## **Collaborative Approach**







- Effective peer to peer support services for current clients who are in the pilot sites
- Provide meaningful work opportunities for people with lived experience
- Contribute to better outcomes for SSHA clients to achieve greater housing stability



#### **Eligibility**

- 3 years delivering/coordinating peer support or training to vulnerable individuals
- Experience delivering programs to vulnerable individuals



#### **Expectations**

Looking for a proponent that can coordinate/provide:

- Recruitment, Assessment, Training and Assignment
- Supporting Peers from start to finish
- Develop the Capacity of the Shelter Operators
- Participate in the evaluation of the NSSM



- Provide support outside of regular business hours
- Communication and Support at least 5 Shelter operators
  - New sites are being added to the pilot
  - highlight the capacity of the peer program you are designing
- Wage for peers and process for compensation
  - Reflective of the realities of peers



#### 2018/19 Pilot Sites











731 Runnymede 747 Warden Ave Rd

29 Leslie Street

702 Kennedy Rd 348 Davenport

3306 Kingston Rd

2671 Islington

**545 Lakeshore** 



#### **Funding Amount**

- \$590,000.00 available annually
  - Pro-rated for the first year
  - Possibility of extension beyond March 2021



#### **Customized Peer Supports**

Peer Support Functions will vary by site and may include:

- Harm reduction
- Connections to community-based opportunities
- Post-housing community integration, orientation and stabilization



#### **Evaluation**

EVALU	IATION CRITERIA	Points Available
Organ •	Proposal demonstrates proponents history and experience delivering services to vulnerable individuals with complex needs who have a history of long term homelessness, including at least three (3) years of providing peer support services	30
Peer S	Proposal demonstrate a Housing First and Harm reduction approach Proposal clearly describes an overview of the project and how the proposed model will work to meet the purpose of the Request for Proposal Proposal clearly demonstrates how proponent will work with shelters to develop their capacity to work with peer support workers Proposal clearly demonstrates how the program will be structured to be responsive to the complex needs of the peers and shelters that will be participating in the Program Proposal clearly demonstrates an understanding of peers and how they will be recruited, assessed, trained, assigned and supported to carry out their roles Proposal clearly demonstrates proponents commitment to inclusive and accessible programming and services	40
Work	Plan  Work plan is clearly presented, identifying appropriate project objectives, activities, outputs and outcomes	15
Propo:	Budget and Staffing  Budget reflects reasonable project operating and administrative costs  Staffing compliment is reflective of the parameters of the program Budget reflects peer compensation rates that allow for peer supports to be provided to a minimum of 5 shelter operators Demonstrates efforts to secure best value for money  Other sources of funding and/or in kind supports are identified	15
TOTAL		100



#### **Key Dates**

- Electronic Submission: <a href="mailto:ssharrfp@toronto.ca">ssharrfp@toronto.ca</a>
- Paper Submission-June 13 by 4:00pm
- FAQ or Addendum release- May 17 and May 22
- https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/communitypartners/emergency-shelter-operators/peer-support-for-thenew-shelter-service-model/
- Deadline: May 30 at 1:00pm









