

## City Health Department Gives \$9M to Long Island Nonprofit To Create Supportive Housing

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The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene granted \$9.2 million to Concern for Independent Living, Inc. on Monday to establish supportive housing for adults with mental illnesses, according to the *City Record*.

The contract with Concern for Independent Living, a Suffolk County-based nonprofit, will pay for operations and services at a single adult supportive housing complex established through the NYC 15/15 program, which in 2015 set out to establish 15,000 housing units in 15 years. The tenants, who have serious mental illnesses or substance use disorders, live independently and can receive voluntary services at the residence.

The health department has not announced a location for this supportive housing complex.

Concern for Independent Living provides housing and support services to communities in the state, serving more than 1,100 individuals and families in 240 locations.

The health department's contract with Concern for Independent Living was announced on the same day that the City Council released its \$92 million [mental health road map](#) to address the city's growing mental health crisis. The plan called on the Adams administration to revamp its 15/15 supportive housing plan. The road map will urge the mayor to dedicate \$45 million to that program.

"The city announced a sweeping mental health agenda to ensure that New Yorkers have the supports and services they need," said Patrick Gallahue, a health department representative. "Housing is a core component of the plan, and we are happy to be able to work with providers to bring much needed units online."

A representative from Concern for Independent Living did not respond to a request for comment by publication time.