

# Governor's Opportunity for Supportive Housing (GOSH)



## History

In 2016, as part of the Governor's Behavioral Health Innovation Fund, created in [ESSB 6656](#), ALTSA was awarded a small amount of state funds to pursue Supportive Housing services for individuals eligible for discharge from Eastern/Western State Hospitals.

The original budget allowed for approximately 15 individuals to transition out of the state hospitals with Supportive Housing services with the option of a state-funded housing subsidy. ALTSA began contracting directly with community Supportive Housing Providers and the Governor's Opportunity for Supportive Housing (GOSH) was born.

In the 2017-2019 enacted budget, funding for GOSH was expanded and ALTSA was authorized to hire 3 FTEs dedicated to GOSH Program Management across the state. The ALTSA State Hospital Discharge and Diversion (SHDD) unit was also created. While GOSH pre-dates SHDD, it is one part of this larger initiative that has been approved by the state legislature under Mental Health Transformation.

Please see [LTC Manual Chapter 5b](#)

