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### **5.8 Million Awarded to Build Affordable Housing in Glens Falls**

*Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health to Break Ground in the Summer*

**[Glens Falls, NY, January 11, 2019]** Governor Cuomo's 5-year, \$2.6 billion commitment to developing 6,000 units of supportive housing in New York State is having major impacts in the Glens Falls region. Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health (WWAMH), with locations in Glens Falls, has been awarded two grants under this initiative. The Homeless Housing and Assistance Program, a New York State agency providing capital grants and loans to obtain, build or rehabilitate housing for persons who are homeless and those persons unable to access safe housing without assistance, recently awarded WWAMH 5.8 million dollars. These funds will be used to develop 28 units of permanent, supportive apartments as well as transitional/emergency apartments for individuals who are homeless or unstably housed. When open, the operations of the new apartment building will be supported by a 3.4 million dollar grant from Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative that was awarded to WWAMH in October 2018. The apartment building, which will break ground in the summer of 2019, will be built on Cooper Street in Glens Falls. It is estimated that the facility will open in the Fall of 2020.

According to the Capital Region Coalition to End Homelessness's regional data, in 2017, there were 673 homeless individuals and 77 homeless families in the overall region. Specifically, in Warren County where the project will be built, the Department of Social Services reported 212 singles and 59 families presenting as homeless in 2017. The Cooper Street project will positively impact these totals.

This project is not WWAMH's first venture into constructing housing to aid this population. In 2009, a similar but smaller project was launched on State Route 4 in Hudson Falls. The lessons learned from the successes in Hudson Falls have equipped WWAMH to handle the scope of this new endeavor while building strong relationships with neighbors and the community. Based on this experience, it is expected that several new jobs will be created on site to support the operations of this project. Area businesses will be employed in such areas as food service, building maintenance, and transportation.

Serving the community since 1948, WWAMH is a safety net provider for individuals in Warren and Washington Counties that are in different stages of their mental health recovery. WWAMH provides the following services: clinical mental health care, care management, supportive treatment, housing, benefits management, dual-recovery services, and a psychosocial club. Striving to provide a continuum of mental health care has uniquely positioned WWAMH in the community address the affordable housing needs of Warren County.

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