



## APPLYING TO AND OBTAINING SUPPORTIVE PERMANENT HOUSING: HARLEM DOWLING

**HARLEM DOWLING IS A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S VILLAGE AND HARLEM DOWLING.**

This 60 unit building in central Harlem has 12 studio apartments dedicated to youth aging out of foster care.

### HARLEM DOWLING: POINTS TO CONSIDER

#### **BENEFITS:**

- Youth do not need to leave by age 26
- Units are single occupancy
- Building is in an accessible part of the city
- Building is newly constructed and has amenities such as laundry room, roof terrace, and medical clinic on site

#### **CONS/CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Only 12 of the 60 units are available to youth aging out of foster care
- Vacancies are not available frequently
- Youth must be employed or in school

### ELIGIBILITY

- ☑ 18-25 years old at time of application
- ☑ Former foster care or DYCD placement
- ☑ Currently enrolled in school and/or employed
- ☑ At risk of homelessness
- ☑ Able and prepared to pay a minimum of \$167/month (amount based on income)
- ☑ Able to pass criminal background check and credit check

### APPLYING

#### **REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS INCLUDE:**

- ☑ **Life Bridges Housing [Application](#)**
- ☑ **Criminal background check**  
Coach/Housing Specialist must run a criminal background check and attach to application
- ☑ **Credit check**  
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#### **TIMELINE:**

- ☑ **Coach/Housing Specialist run credit check and criminal background check** to assess program eligibility
- ☑ **Submit Completed Application**  
Send application, criminal background check, and credit check to: Vincent Madera: [Vmadera@childrensvillage.org](mailto:Vmadera@childrensvillage.org)
- ☑ **Follow up** with Children's Village & Harlem Dowling Program to check for upcoming vacancies

#### **TIPS FOR HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE APPLY TO HARLEM DOWLING:**

- Coach should work with youth prior to application to ensure youth is building and maintaining positive credit
- Coach should develop a relationship with Vincent Madera from Children's Village and check in to be notified of potential upcoming vacancies