**Governor’s Opportunity for Supportive Housing**

**History:**

In 2016, as part of the Governor’ Behavioral Health Innovation Fund, created in [ESSB 6656](http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Htm/Bill%20Reports/House/6656-S.E%20HBR%202ND%2016%20E1.htm), 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.