



Rhode Island Recovery Housing Program (RHP) FACT SHEET/Overview

Overview:

This Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Request for Proposals is intended to support the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of properties to be used as Recovery Housing. Recovery Housing made available will provide stable transitional housing (up to 24 months per person) to individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder.

Available Funding:

\$3,000,000 is currently available for the acquisition/rehabilitation component of the Recovery Housing Program (RHP). Additional resources for acquisition/rehabilitation may be made available from other sources or from subsequent allocations issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Funding in support of operation/services are not available through this program. Applicants should develop a plan for operationalizing facilities, such as through funding from the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH).

Eligibility:

Applicants – Under this RFP, applicants may be municipalities or non-profit organizations. Every project supported must complete a HUD Environmental Review prior to obligating/expending funds. Only municipalities may serve as responsible entity/certifying official in the HUD environmental review process. Non-profit organization applicants must work with the municipality in which the project is located to complete this process.

Program Requirements:

Populations Served – Populations served must comply with State-funded Recovery Housing participant requirements, including income eligibility (see Attachment A for more details about the process for accessing State funded Recovery Housing, including eligibility requirements). RHP/CDBG additionally requires that populations served be at or below 80% of Area Median Income.

Activities – Under this grant application, applicants may apply for acquisitions and/or rehabilitation costs associated with properties to be used as Recovery Housing in accordance with HUD and BHDDH Recovery Housing requirements. Costs associated with acquisition/rehabilitation, such as architectural fees and appraisals, are eligible.

Properties - The properties will be acquired and held by the grantee or a partner to the grantee. Deed restrictions will be placed on the subject properties to assure their continued use for

Recovery Housing. The ongoing operation of the programs will be supported by other non-CDBG resources, including Medicaid reimbursement – BHDDH.

Programs – Programs operating in facilities acquired/renovated must comply with the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) standards (Attachment B).

Application Process:

Application – Proposals will be accepted on an ongoing/rolling basis beginning August 19, 2024. Proposals will be scored at least once monthly. It is anticipated that up to one month will be needed to make a final determination relative to a proposal received. If approved, contracting and implementation will follow.

All applications must be submitted through the State’s Grants Management System/eCivis. This [link](#) can be used to access the application forms.

Funding Limits – While no limits (maximum/minimums) are being imposed on individual proposals, the scoring will take into account financial viability/feasibility and whether alternative resources are more suitable for all/part of the project.

Selection Process:

Scoring – Proposals received will be scored using the criteria detailed in Attachment C. Criteria include Experience, Program Design/Eligibility, Readiness to Proceed and Financial Viability/Feasibility. Of the total of 100 points, applications must receive a minimum of 75 points to proceed.

Any proposal not meeting the threshold score will be rejected. Applicants may resubmit rejected proposals if issue(s) affecting the proposals score have been addressed. Scoring will be completed through a partnership between the Rhode Island Department of Housing (Department), Rhode Island Housing (RIH) and the R.I. Department of Behavioral Healthcare Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH).

Considerations:

Rules and regulations applicable to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program apply to the Recovery Housing Program. When applicable, applicants should ensure that their proposal complies with these requirements, including but not limited to:

- Federal Labor Standards Provisions, including Davis Bacon Wage Rates – which may require the payment of minimum wages to employees on construction projects of a certain size <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/davis-bacon-and-labor-standards/>;
- HUD Environmental Review Requirements – which must be completed before undertaking any actions associated with the project <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/>;
- Uniform Relocation & Real Properties Acquisitions Act (URA) – which may require appraisals on properties to be acquired <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/relocation/overview/#overview-of-the-ura>;
- Section 3 <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/section-3/>; and

- Buy America, Build America
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/baba/>

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