



Pilot Recovery Housing Program Federal Register Notice Overview

Recovery Housing Webinar Series

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Introductions

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Introductions



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Session Learning Objectives

As a result of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Describe the general requirements in the Recovery Housing Program implementation notice, including the program purpose, National Objective, and eligible uses of funds
- Begin evaluating options for how they will design their programs

SUPPORT Act Overview

Public Law 115-271 - SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act **October 24, 2018**

- Developed in response to the opioid epidemic
- Section 8071 authorized the program to aid grantees with providing stable, temporary housing to individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder.
- Eligible States and the District of Columbia had age-adjusted rates of drug overdose deaths above the national overdose mortality rate.
- Based on CDBG under title 1 of HCD Act (1974).

Recovery Housing Program Funding

Public Law 116-94, Signed December 20, 2019

- Appropriated \$25 million to program authorized by the SUPPORT Act
- Funds awarded by formula to 25 eligible grantees: 24 States and the District of Columbia
- The formula includes unemployment rates (15%), labor force nonparticipation (15%), and the age-adjusted rates of drug overdose deaths (70%) [FR-6143-N-01]

RHP Overview

RHP is organized within the framework of the Community Development Block Grant, CDBG program.

Three Pillars for compliance:

- 1. National Objective**

- Limited Clientele, as modified by the Notice

- 2. Eligible Activity**

- Restricted to those HUD finds satisfy the purpose of RHP

- 3. Connection to Program Purpose**

- Provide stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder

RHP Program Overview cont.

Eligible Grantees

- States and the District of Columbia
- Pilot Program: Only eligible grantees with age-adjusted rate of drug overdose deaths above the national overdose mortality rate according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- 25 grantees received an allocation in March 2020

Program Administration

- Grantees may fund activities **anywhere in their jurisdictions, including entitlements and tribal areas***
- Grantees may administer program activities **directly, through employees, contractors, or subrecipients***, or may distribute funds to units of general local government.
- HUD encourages **coordination** of other federal resources and development of **partnerships** to maximize the impact of RHP funding

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Poll Question

How do you plan to distribute RHP funds? Through:

- a. Grantee Agency or Partner Agency will carry out activities directly
- b. Agency will award to Subrecipients
- c. Method of Distribution to Non-entitlement Communities
- d. Entitlement Communities
- e. Tribes
- f. Other
- g. Don't know

National Objective

All RHP activities must comply with the **Low and Moderate Income-Limited Clientele** National Objective as modified by the Notice.

Eligible **Limited Clientele activities are expanded***

Now include **housing**

- Acquisition
- Rehabilitation
- Reconstruction
- New construction

When at least 51% of the beneficiaries are LMI persons.

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National Objective

Additional Limited Clientele Presumptive categories* added by the Notice:

- Persons who meet the federal poverty limits
- Persons insured by Medicaid

As well as existing Limited Clientele Presumptive categories:

Abused children • Battered spouses • Elderly persons • Severely disabled persons • Homeless persons • Illiterate adults • Persons living with AIDS • Migrant farm workers

***key modification**

Eligible Activities

Must meet the intent of RHP: to provide stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder.

Beneficiaries may receive assistance for **the lesser of 2 years (cumulative) or until they secure permanent housing**.

Eligible CDBG activities are limited to those listed in the Notice.

Eligible Activities

Public Facilities and Improvements

Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public facilities and improvements for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder.

Regulatory reference: 24 CFR 570.201(c)

Eligible Activities

Acquisition of Real Property

For the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing to persons in recovery from a substance use disorder.



Regulatory reference: 24 CFR 570.201(a)

Eligible Activities

Lease, Rent, and Utilities

Payments:

- For lease, rent, utilities, and associated costs on behalf of an individual in recovery from a substance use disorder for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing
- **Not limited to 15% of the grant***
- Payments must be made to the provider, such as the landlord or utility provider. Payments must NOT be made directly to individuals.

***key waiver and modification**

Eligible Activities

Lease, Rent, and Utilities, continued

Other requirements:

- RHP funds may not supplant funds that previously covered these costs
- Payments must result in either a new or expanded service

Eligible models:

- Traditional tenant-based rental assistance
- Master lease model

***key waiver and modification**

Eligible Activities

Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of:

- Single-unit
- Multi-unit
- Public housing



Regulatory references:

24 CFR 570.202(a)(1)

24 CFR 570.202(a)

24 CFR 570.202(a)(2)

Eligible Activities

Disposition of Real Property

Disposition through sale, lease, or donation of otherwise of real property acquired with RHP funds for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder.

Regulatory reference: 24 CFR 570.201(b)

Eligible Activities

Clearance and Demolition

Clearance, demolition, and removal of buildings and improvements, including movement of structures to other sites.

Eligibility limited to projects where RHP funds are used only for the clearance and demolition.

Regulatory reference: 24 CFR 570.201(d)

Eligible Activities

Relocation

Relocation payments and other assistance for permanently or temporarily displaced individuals and families in connection with activities using RHP funds.

Regulatory reference: 24 CFR 570.201(i)

Eligible Activities

New Construction of Housing*

Expansion of existing eligible activities to allow RHP funds to be used for new construction of housing.

New construction of housing is subject to the same requirements that apply to rehabilitation activities.

Regulatory reference (rehab requirements): 24 CFR 570.202(b)

***key waiver**

Eligible Activities

Grant Administration

Capped at **5%*** of any RHP grant, plus **5%*** of any RHP Program Income.

No matching funds required*

Must use administrative funds to carry out RHP-eligible activities only.

***key waiver**

Eligible Activities

Technical Assistance*

Capped at **3%*** of any RHP grant, plus **3%*** of any RHP Program Income.

Intended to cover grantee's non-administrative costs associated with providing technical assistance to a nonprofit or UGLG to successfully apply for and implement the RHP program.

Regulatory reference (eligible TA): 24 CFR 570.201(p)

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Poll Question

What types of technical assistance would you like to receive?

- a. One-on-one TA
- b. Peer to Peer TA
- c. Group TA (e.g. webinars)
- d. Products (i.e. fact sheets, briefs)
- e. Other (insert text)

Poll Question

Which of the following TA topic areas would be most beneficial to your agency?

- A. Recovery Housing Program Models
- B. Assessing and selecting subrecipients
- C. Developing cross-sector partnerships
- D. Understanding the Federal Registry Notice
- E. State's role in oversight and evaluation of Recovery Housing
- F. Drafting an Action Plan
- G. Other (insert text)

RHP Action Plan

Required Components

- Standard Form 424 and 424D
- Program summary
Identify needs and specific goals for RHP funds.
- Additional anticipated resources
Identify other federal and state, local, nonprofit, or private resources expected to be made available in conjunction with the use of RHP funds.
Not limited to liquid resources. Publicly-owned real property can also be identified.
- Administration summary
Include roles of grantee agencies/departments in the administration of the RHP grant, provide contact information.

RHP Action Plan

Required Components: Use and Allocation of Funds

- Method of distribution to communities
- Direct implementation via staff, contracts, or grants to subrecipients
- Description of eligible subrecipients and threshold criteria
- Description of evaluation criteria, including how will meet **the SUPPORT Act requirement** that grantees give priority to:
 - Entities with the greatest need
 - Entities with the ability to deliver effective assistance in a timely manner

RHP Action Plan

Required Components: Definitions

- Individual in Recovery

Sample adapted from the SAMHSA definition of recovery:

An individual going through a process of change to improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

- Substance Use Disorder

Sample SAMHSA definition of substance use disorder:

Substance use disorders occur when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet responsibilities at work, school, or home.

RHP Action Plan

Required Components, continued

- Expenditure plan to meet deadlines and administrative cap
- Proposed outcomes
 - **Required:** Number of individuals assisted and transitioned to permanent housing
Confer with researchers to better understand other potential measurable impacts
- Citizen participation summary
- **Partner coordination summary**
 - Federally assisted partners addressing substance use disorders
 - Partners potentially serving the same populations

RHP Action Plan

Required Components_{,continued}

- Subrecipient management and monitoring policies and procedures
- Description of pre-award or pre-agreement costs to be reimbursed
- Required certifications
- **Consolidated Plan consistency not required*** – RHP grantees are not asked to update their housing need assessments or market analyses

*key waiver

Program Income

- Definition modified by the Notice
- Program income remaining at closeout of its associated grant shall be transferred to another open RHP grant or to the grantee's CDBG program if all RHP grants are closed.
- States must require UGLGs to return RHP program income if they will not continue the originally-funded RHP activity.
- Revolving loan funds may not be established with RHP program income.

Reporting

- HUD will use grantee reports for compliance and risk analysis
- Annual report on the use of RHP funds in DRGR
- Includes financial reports
- Reports due annually on October 30
- Notice to citizens of performance reports
- HUD shall review and approve reports

Critical Deadlines

- Action Plan due in DRGR on **August 16, 2021**
- 30% of funds must be expended within **one year** of the date HUD signs a grant agreement with the jurisdiction
- 100% of funds must be expended by **September 1, 2027**



Period of Performance and Close out

- Period of performance begins on the date of the grant agreement and ends **September 1, 2027**.
- Grant funds are not available following the period of performance.
- Financial, performance, and other reports are due by **December 1, 2027**.



Q & A

Resources

- [Notice of FY2020 Allocations, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for the Pilot Recovery Housing Program](#)
- Explanation of RHP Notice Waivers & Requirements Brief (coming soon)
- [findtreatment.gov](#)





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