



Recovery Housing Program



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Program Overview

The Recovery Housing Program (RHP) grants funding to provide stable, transitional housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder.



The funding is specifically for Rental Assistance, Leasing Costs, Utilities, and Administrative costs.



Under this project, individuals in recovery services are supported with transitional housing for up to two years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever is earlier.

Program Goals

- The main goal of the RHP funding is to expand the current operational model by ***increasing the number of beds*** in the state of Michigan.
- To assist current Recovery Housing Programs in focusing their funds toward the expansion of (*not to supplant*) federal substance abuse-related assistance (e.g., State Opioid Response (SOR) Grants or Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grants).

RHP: Eligible Components

Leasing Costs:

- Leasing of property, or portions of property – *not owned by the applicant* – for use in providing transitional and supportive services.
(Section 423 HEARTH Act)

Rental Assistance:

- Provision of rental assistance to provide transitional housing to eligible persons.
(Section 423 HEARTH Act)

Utilities:

- Utility costs include water, sewer, gas, and electric.

Administrative Costs:

- MSHDA RHP grantees may use up to 5% of the total grant allocation for the payment of administrative costs related to the planning and execution of RHP activities.

Application

- Eligible applicants must be MARRs (Michigan Association of Recovery Residences) Certified or provide a timeline for certification prior to their grant start date.
- Must also demonstrate:
 - Unmet need in their community (ies);
 - Relevant experience with temporary transitional housing and;
 - The existing or planned capacity to expand the current operational model

Funding Prioritization

- MARRs Certification/timeline of certification
- Ability to expand current program; increase number of beds
- Needs within its jurisdiction (geographic area)
- Recovery Housing Programs that operate with a Housing First focus
- Established connection with Homeless Continuum of Care or Local Planning Body

Timeline

January 10, 2022	NOFA/Application Released
February 18, 2022	Application due via email
April 1, 2022	Grant documents mailed to approved applicants. (No funds can be incurred until the grant has been signed by the grantee and MSHDA.)
May 1, 2022	Grant start date
April 30, 2023	Grant end date

Approved Grantees

Upper Peninsula-2 (15 counties)

Northern Michigan-1 (21 counties)

Southwest Michigan-1 (Calhoun County)

West Michigan-1 (Muskegon County)

Southeast Michigan-2 (Wayne County)

Encouraged Outcomes

Expansion of beds—RHP funds are targeted toward expanding, not supplanting, the number of beds in a Recovery Residence.

Housing Stability—Exits to stable permanent housing should be a primary focus of outcomes measured.

Income—Obtaining and maintaining employment and/or increasing income is a positive outcome.

Sobriety—An increase in number of days sober in comparable periods before and after treatment or across two equal treatment periods is a positive outcome. Alternatively, a decrease in the number of days of relapse in comparable periods could be measured.

*Additional information can be found on HUD's Recovery Housing Policy Brief

[Recovery Housing Policy Brief
\(hudexchange.info\)](http://hudexchange.info)

Outcomes through 3/1/2023

\$210,000+ on rental assistance/leasing costs

88 individuals served

91% served under 50% AMI

25 + county coverage

What We've Learned So Far

Gaps include supportive services/case management funding

Property ownership/Conflict of Interest

Importance of landlord relationships

Connection between RHP grantees and Homeless Continuum of Care/Local Planning Bodies is key

What's Next?

- **Continue current grantees through 4/30/2024**
- **Plan for Cohort #2 in late Spring/Early Summer 2023**
- **Integrate two Cohorts to join together monthly for check-ins and Technical Assistance opportunities**

Contact Information & Resources

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- [Recovery Housing Program \(RHP\) \(michigan.gov\)](https://michigan.gov/recovery-housing-program)

