

### **Recovery Housing Program** Overview & Updates

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### **Topics Covered**

- SUPPORT Act
- What is Recovery Housing?
- Program Requirements
- Technical Assistance
- Challenges

# **SUPPORT ACT Overview**

- Developed in response to the opioid epidemic
- Section 8071 → provide stable, temporary housing to individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder
  - No more than 2 years per person
- Eligible grantees  $\rightarrow$  States + DC
- Formula → age-adjusted drug overdose death rate, unemployment rate, labor force nonparticipation rate

# **Funding Rounds**

- FY 2020: \$25 million 25 Grantees
- FY 2021: \$25 million 27 Grantees
- FY 2022: \$25 million 25 Grantees
- FY 2023: \$30 million 24 Grantees
- FY 2024 President's Budget request: \$30 million

# What is Recovery Housing?

- SUPPORT Act/HUD notices do not define "recovery housing," giving grantees flexibility to work with a variety of recovery housing models and provide choice
  - Look for existing providers in your state
- Generally, peer support and community are critical components of recovery housing, which is intended to help people on the path to independent living (see Program Models and Peer Support quick guides, webinars)

### **Program Requirements**

- November 2020, July 2021 FR Notices
- **1. National Objective** → limited clientele only
- Eligible Activities → housing-related CDBG eligible activities (+ new construction of housing)
- 3. Connection to Program Purpose → provide stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from an SUD

### **Program Requirements**

- Can fund <u>activities anywhere in your jurisdictions</u>
- Can <u>carry out activities directly</u> (no MOD required)
- RHP Action Plan separate from AAP (in DRGR)
- Admin  $\rightarrow$  5%, TA  $\rightarrow$  3%
- Annual reporting (# persons benefiting and # persons transitioning to permanent housing)

## **Technical Assistance**

- Webinars, quick guides available on HUD Exchange
  - Program models and design, DRGR, reporting, and more
- 16 hours of on-call TA for EACH GRANTEE



# Challenges

- Administering a new program
  - Partnering with other agencies
  - Program design
- Prioritizing vs. other funding, including pandemic recovery/response
- Small grant size
- Navigating DRGR

#### **THANK YOU!**

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