## **Recovery Housing Program**

State of Ohio

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**Ohio's Initial Action Plan** 



### New Development of Recovery Homes

- 1. Construction
- 2. Reconstruction
- 3. Rehab
- Level 1, 2, or 3 NARR
- Priorities:
  - Rural counties with 0 RH
  - Projects serving special populations





### Partnerships



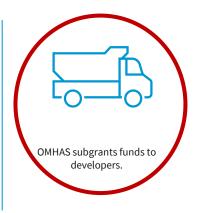
# **Original Program Structure**



Department of Development receives funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).



Development grants funds to Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS).



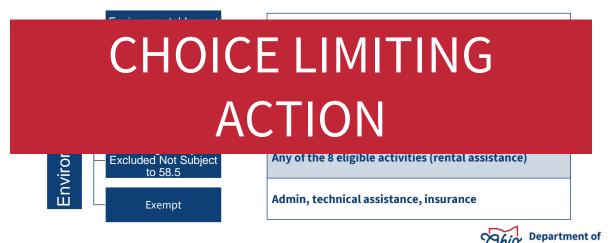


### Roadblocks



## **Environmental Reviews**

HUD-funded grants require an ER subject to 24 CFR Part 58





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### **Creative Solutions**





# **PIVOT!**

After several conversations with OMHAS and HUD staff, projects were broken into two categories to move forward:

#### Projects that had broken ground:

- Ohio Housing Trust Fund
- State Special Projects Program

#### Projects that had not broken ground:

- Project Based Rental Assistance
- CENST forms filled out in partnership with Development staff



## **New Program Structure**



Department of Development receives funds from HUD.





OMHAS subgrants funds to Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health (ADAMH) boards.



ADAMH boards subgrant funds to individual recovery home providers.



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#### **Lessons Learned**



# **RHP Requires Unique Communication**

Recovery housing providers may not be familiar with navigating funding from HUD. Clearly identifying each partner's roles and meeting partners where they are generates positive outcomes for all, even if it causes a heavier lift on the state.

#### **HUD Regulations:**

- Critical nature of Environmental Reviews & Choice Limiting Actions.
- Provide consistent training and resources.

#### **Clear Partnership Expectations:**

- Who genuinely makes the most sense to administer funds?
- Lay out expectations from day one and check in regularly.



# Don't be afraid to pivot!

# **Questions?**

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