

# **District of Columbia Recovery Housing Program Action Plan**

Pending Approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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# **Recovery Housing Program**

## **Acronyms**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| AMI    | Area Median Income  |
| COC    | Continuum of Care   |
| DBH    | DC Department of Behavioral Health                        |
| DHCD   | DC Department of Housing and Community Development        |
| DHCF   | DC Department of Health Care Finance                      |
| DHHS   | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services              |
| DHS    | DC Department of Human Services                           |
| DMHHS  | DC Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services             |
| FY     | Fiscal Year   |
| HUD    | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development          |
| ICH    | Interagency Council on Homelessness                       |
| PY     | Program Year  |
| RHP    | Recovery Housing Program                                  |
| SAMSHA | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration |
| SUD    | Substance Use Disorder                                    |

## Recovery Housing Program (RHP)

### FY 2022 RHP Action Plan

**Grantee Washington, DC**

#### Grant Numbers and Award Amounts

| Grant Number     | Award Amount | Date of Award     |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| B-20-RH-11-0001  | \$1,226,000  | November 25, 2020 |
| B-21-RH-11-0001  | \$1,058,604  | February 25, 2021 |
| Total Allocation | \$2,284,604  |                   |

#### Narratives Summary

On December 20, 2019, the Recovery Housing Program, was signed into law and funded through the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-94). The program was authorized under Section 8071 of the SUPPORT Act. On November 25, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the District of Columbia (District) would receive \$1,226,000 for the Recovery Housing Program (RHP). HUD began preparing the pilot program and, before completion, announced on February 25, 2021, that the District would receive an additional \$1,058,604. This draft document serves to outline the proposed uses for \$2,284,604 in RHP funds from grant years 2020 and 2021. The District is authorized pursuant to 24 CFR 570.201 (a) to use RHP funds to acquire land to develop affordable rental housing for persons with a substance use disorder (SUD). The SUD units will be occupied by individuals or families earning 80% or less of the area median income (AMI) based on household size, who have at least one family member with a SUD. Each recipient living in a SUD unit will receive supportive services based on their need by local partners.

#### Program Summary

##### Resources

FY 21 (PY 2020) \$1,226,000

FY 22 (PY 2021) \$1,058,604

Medicaid and 1115 Waiver

#### Administration Summary

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will partner with the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), and the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) to administer, in a coordinated effort, the RHP funds.

The RHP funds will fund the acquisition and construction of extremely low-income affordable housing for persons living with a substance use disorder (SUD). DHCD will award the RHP acquisition and construction funds through a comprehensive Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

Prior to project completion, DHCD will coordinate with District partners to ensure beneficiaries receive supportive services to provide a holistic approach to recovery. Currently, DHCD anticipates using Medicaid and 1115 Waivers to fund outpatient services, known as Level 1 treatment, outlined in the RHP housing resident's recovery plan.

The District will use up to three percent of the allocation to address technical assistance needs:

1. Developing or strengthening care coordination models.
2. Payment models, including value-based purchasing strategies.
3. Identifying and coordinating with non-Medicaid funding sources to support housing access and stability among individuals with SUD.

#### **Use of Funds-Method of Distribution**

The funds will be distributed through a coordinated Request for Proposal (RFP) process, spearheaded by DHCD. Upon execution of grant and or loan agreements, all funds will be dispersed on a reimbursement basis to ensure compliance with all federal and local laws.

#### **Use of Funds – Activities Carried Out Directly**

- Acquisition and Development of Affordable Housing
- Lease, rent, and utility (depending on the structure of programs funded, it may make sense to provide funding for rent and utilities)

#### **Use of Funds – Eligible Subrecipients**

- Non-Profit Developers
- For-Profit Developers
- Community-Based Organizations
- Community Health Organizations

#### **Use of Funds -Criteria for Evaluation**

DHCD will conduct a Request for Proposals to disseminate RHP funding once HUD approves the action plan.

#### **Individual in Recovery**

Recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

#### **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 primary responsibilities at work, school, or home.

### Anticipated Goals

1. Create Medicaid benefit for person-centered housing supports
2. Identify opportunities to increase support for beneficiaries experiencing SUD in managed care organization contracts
3. Expand the range of housing opportunities available to individuals with SUD

### Anticipated Outcomes

1. Housing Affordability/Accessibility – RHP funds will provide sixteen households with sustained affordable housing for one year while accessing individual and family services for substance use.
2. Stable Access to SUD Services - District partnership with Continuum of Care partners to provide supportive services for individuals and families impacted by a substance use disorder.
3. Meet [Live. Long. D.C.](#) strategic plan to create a person-centered system of care that comprehensively addresses the opioid epidemic

### Expenditure Plan

| Eligible Activity                  | Proposed Budget    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Administration (5% CAP)            | \$114,230.00       |
| Technical Assistance (3% CAP)      | \$68,538.00        |
| Acquisition of Real Property       | \$1,000,000.00     |
| Construction (Hard and Soft Costs) | \$601,836.00       |
| Lease, Rent and Utility Assistance | \$500,000.00       |
| <b>Proposed Budget Total</b>       | <b>\$2,284,604</b> |

### Citizen Participation Summary

DHCD will receive citizen and stakeholder input on the document between December 17 – 31, 2021 at 5:00pm. DHCD will then allow the public to comment on the document between January 19 – February 3, 2022. DHCD will hold a public hearing via WebEx on January 27, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Visit, [www.dhcd.dc.gov](http://www.dhcd.dc.gov) for more information.

### Partner Coordination

DHCD coordinated with the following organizations to develop the RHP Action Plan

- DC Learning Collaborative Team
- Interagency Council on Homelessness/Continuum of Care
- DC Department of Health
- DC Department of Behavioral Health

**Subrecipient Management and Monitoring**

DHCD, as the Participating Jurisdiction (P.J.) for HUD, will be responsible for ensuring compliance monitoring, programmatic compliance for the RHP program.

**Pre-Award/Pre-Agreement Costs**

DHCD does not have any pre-award or pre-agreement costs.

**Additional Information for Citizens/Stakeholders**

DHCD is working with the Deputy Mayor's Office for Health and Human Services (DMHHS), the District Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), the District Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), the District Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), and the existing Recovery Housing providers in the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Continuum of Care to develop this plan. DHCD will submit this plan and comments received in December to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. DHCD will then provide a second opportunity for citizens and stakeholders to submit comments in January and attend a public hearing. Any future funds received for this program or any deviation from this plan, citizens and stakeholders will be given another 15-day comment period to respond pursuant to the District's Citizen Participation Plan.