

Recovery Housing Program FY 2022 Action Plan

Program Summary:

The Recovery Housing Program, or RHP, authorizes the appropriation of funds for assistance to states to provide stable, temporary housing to individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder. RHP aims to support individuals in recovery on a path to self-sufficiency and independent living. Data shows that without stable housing, the risk of relapse and inability to maintain abstinence is greatly increased.

RHP assistance is limited, per individual, to a period of not more than 2 years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever is earlier. HUD has been authorized to establish a funding formula based on specific factors listed in section 8071 of the SUPPORT Act and to allocate funds appropriated or otherwise made available for RHP according to the established funding formula. HUD published the funding formula in the Federal Register on April 17, 2019 (84 FR 16027). The State of Louisiana has been allocated \$950,460 for FY 2022.

The intent for these funds be used for one or more public facility activity in the New Orleans area. The State of Louisiana will administer this project through the subrecipient, Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc.

Resources:

FY 2020 RHP Allocation \$838,000
Less Administration (5%) and Technical Assistance (3%) -\$67,040
Total Amount Available \$770,960
FY 2021 RHP Allocation \$854,429
Less Administration (5%) and Technical Assistance (3%) -\$68,354
Total Amount Available \$786,075
Total Available for Award for FY 2020 and 2021 \$1,557,035

FY 2022 RHP Allocation \$950,460
Less Administration (5%) \$47,523
Total FY 2022 Available for Award \$902,937
Prior Year Funds Available \$37,063

The State of Louisiana intends to use FY 2022 for one or more public facility, including any necessary acquisition. This project will be administered through one or more subrecipient who will need to leverage additional resources for operating expenses.

Any Program Income generated by a project using these funds must be returned to the State and will be utilized on another RHP project. If Project Income is received at a time when all RHP grants are closed and no other RHP funds are anticipated, the funds will become part of the regular CDBG program income and utilized on a project in the Public Facilities Program.

Administration Summary:

The program will be administered by the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development-Local Government Assistance (OCD-LGA). OCD-LGA will be responsible for the implementation and management of the RHP funded activity(ies). OCD-LGA has partnered with the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health for their expertise in the field of substance use and recovery.

Fenishia Favorite is a Community Development Specialist in OCD-LGA and will act as the grant representative. Her responsibilities will include communicating with the subrecipient, reviewing payment requests and completing required performance reports. She will also attend HUD sponsored webinars and trainings pertaining to the Recovery Housing Program, providing updates to Subrecipients for any HUD required or recommended program practices. Other OCD-LGA staff will provide support in reviewing financial analysis, plans and specifications, program monitoring, etc.

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Use of Funds - Method of Distribution:

The State will administer this program directly through an eligible subrecipient. These funds can be used to acquire, construct or rehabilitate one or more public facility. The OCD-LGA worked with the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) to identify the area with the greatest need. OBH provided data that shows the areas of need throughout the state. OCD-LGA issued a Notice of Funding Availability on January 23, 2023 requesting Letters of Intent from non-profit organizations. Three organizations replied and three were invited to submit full applications. Of the three who were invited, two submitted applications timely. Only one of the applications was deemed eligible. The State will administer this program directly through its subrecipient, Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc., which is an eligible nonprofit. This nonprofit was identified by the Louisiana Department of Health as a program that has the capacity to operate additional facilities of this nature.

Eligible uses of funds are the construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation of facilities for occupancy by people in recovery. While the facility will be in the New Orleans area, it will not be limited to residents of that area.

Use of Funds - Activities Carried Out Directly:

The State has selected an eligible subrecipient, Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc., after determining it is a non-profit corporation with adequate capacity and has a need for

additional funds in order to increase services. It is in good standing with LDH and the Secretary of State.

Use of Funds - Eligible Subrecipients:

Eligible sub-recipients are nonprofit entities that have experience providing successful services related to substance use disorder recovery, and have capacity to carry out the grant in a timely manner.

Use of Funds - Criteria for Evaluation:

The criteria below will be used to score and rank the responses to the NOFA:

- Experience providing substance abuse recovery residence services
- Previous experience with federal awards and/or collaborating with other federal programs, including HUD and HHS
- Data and/or explanation regarding the organization's unmet needs
- Capacity for additional services in Louisiana where needed
- A plan for providing annual outcome measures including the proposed number of individuals assisted with RHP funding, proposed number of individuals able to transition to permanent housing and how the project measures success
- Timeline supporting the feasibility of the project
- Total cost of the project including RHP funding as well as any other federal, state, local or other funding.

Definitions - Individual in Recovery:

Individual in Recovery: A person that is in the process of change to improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

Definitions - Substance Use Disorder:

Substance Use Disorder: As defined by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) - the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causing clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

Anticipated Outcomes:

Outcome measures required by the State will include the number of individuals assisted with RHP funding, the number of individuals able to transition to permanent housing, and the number of individuals who are able to obtain and maintain employment and/or increase their income.

Expenditure Plan:

The OCD-LGA will comply with all RHP guidelines and expend at least 30% of the funds within year one as required. 100% of RHP funds will be expended prior to the end of the period of performance. Administrative costs will not exceed 5% and technical assistance will not exceed 3% of the grant amounts. Any funds set aside but not utilized for administrative costs and technical assistance will be added into available funding for future award. Any program income generated will be used to continue RHP - eligible activities. If Project Income is received at a time when all RHP grants are closed and no additional RHP funds are anticipated to be received, the funds will become part of the regular CDBG program income and utilized on a project in the Public Facilities Program.

Citizen Participation Summary:

This substantial amendment summary will be published in The Advocate, posted on the State's Office of Community Development's website at <https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/ocd-lga/lcdbg-programs/lcdbg-plans-and-reports/2020-2024/> and distributed through a memo to the State's mailing list.

Partner Coordination:

OCD-LGA contacted the Office of Behavioral Health to ask for data and assistance in identifying the area of need for recovery housing services.

Subrecipient Management and Monitoring:

OCD-LGA will be responsible for the management and oversight of the program. The CDBG Program Evaluation and Monitoring Plan will be utilized. Subrecipients will provide at least quarterly status reports of the projects but may be required to submit monthly reports if needed. OCD-LGA will provide training for subrecipients to ensure they are fully aware of their responsibilities under the grant. All awarded projects will be monitored onsite in accordance with the established CDBG monitoring plan.

The standard CDBG State Program rules and requirements will apply to the RHP program and CDBG Grantee Handbook in effect at the time of award will be used unless explicitly stated otherwise.

Pre-Award/Pre-Agreement Costs:

Pre-agreement costs are not eligible under the FY 2022 Recovery Housing Program.

