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Delaware Continuum of Care

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Rapid Re-Housing Providers in Delaware

Sussex County

- Catholic Charities

New Castle County

- Ministry of Caring
- YWCA
- Family Promise of Northern NCC
- Child, Inc.

Kent County

- Peoples' Place

RRH Core Components

1. FIND
2. PAY
3. STAY

Delaware's RRH Standards

HUD Requires every Continuum of Care to develop standards for the implementation of RRH – in coordination with ESG jurisdictions:

1. Eligibility
2. Prioritization
3. Type of assistance & amount or percentage of rent each program participant must pay
4. Limitations on amount, frequency, and duration of assistance

These standards will be reviewed again in June 2021 to determine their continued applicability and any changes needed.

Eligibility

To be eligible for RRH assistance, at initial evaluation households must:

- 1) Demonstrate literal homelessness (i.e., HUD Category One or HUD Category Four)
- 2) Have completed a VI-SPDAT during their current episode of homelessness,
- 3) Have experienced literal homelessness (i.e., HUD Category One) for 7 days or more, and
- 4) Be referred to the RRH program through Delaware's coordinated entry system, Centralized Intake.

Temporary COVID-19 Exception:

- Homeless households sheltered in hotels/motels prior to July 1, 2021 are exempt from eligibility requirements #2 and #4 listed above.
- All homeless households placed in hotels/motels after July 1, 2021 must be assessed using the VI-SPDAT and referred by Centralized Intake to be eligible for RRH

Prioritization

Prioritization Criteria 1: Current Living Situation

- 1) Unsheltered households receive priority for RRH assistance
- 2) Households in emergency shelter receive second priority (this includes households staying in hotels and motels being paid for by the state or other charitable entity)
- 3) Households in transitional housing as third priority. *Please be aware that certain funds may not be used to serve households in transitional housing, such as CoC funds. It is up to the provider to ensure that they are serving households coming from eligible locations

Temporary COVID-19 Exception:

Households that are staying temporarily in hotels/motels paid for by the state or other charitable entity in response to COVID-19 may be prioritized above other households for RRH assistance with CARES Act RRH funding so long as the following criteria applies: 1) They were homeless (HUD Category One or HUD Category Four) prior to entering the hotel/motel 2) They were placed in the hotel/motel prior to July 1, 2021

Prioritization

Prioritization Criteria 2: COVID-19 Risk

Households determined to be at highest risk of serious complications due to COVID-19 will be prioritized for RRH assistance. This criterion includes age (people over the age of 60) and people with medical conditions that put them at higher risk (heart condition, moderate to Updated February 2021 4 | Page severe respiratory condition or lung disease, diabetes, pregnancy, immunocompromised, or other serious medical condition).

Prioritization

Prioritization Criteria 3: Multiple Homeless Episodes

Households that have experienced more than one episode of homelessness will be prioritized for RRH assistance

Prioritization Criteria 4: Severity of Service Needs

Households that score for RRH on the VI-SPDAT will be prioritized by VI-SPDAT score, with those having higher scores (acuity) prioritized over households with lower scores (acuity).

Type of assistance & amount or percentage of rent each program participant must pay

Progressive Engagement

Housing First

Rental Assistance

Tenant rent contribution may be adjusted at any time including, but not limited to, at each 90- day reassessment. There is no minimum dollar amount rent requirement; tenant rent contribution may be zero for households with no income.

Limitations on amount, frequency, and duration of assistance

Duration of Assistance

RRH Assistance, including supportive services or rental assistance, may not be provided to participants for more than 12 months. If the continuation of assistance after 12 months is necessary to avoid the participant from returning to homelessness, the RRH provider must submit an exemption request in writing to Centralized Intake.

Frequency

Participants must be re-evaluated at least every 90 days to determine the need for continued assistance. This requirement applies to both supportive services and rental assistance.

Providers are required to follow-up with participants at least one time after rental assistance is no longer being provided to ensure that they are stable in their housing, prior to exiting the participant from the program.

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Amount of Assistance

Temporary COVID-19 Change:

RRH providers may provide financial assistance to households up to the following amount:

- The monthly Fair Market Rent (FMR) in their county of residence for the unit size (1brdm, 2brdm, etc.) multiplied by 12

Any financial assistance beyond this amount must be approved by Centralized Intake. The provider is required to submit a written request to exceed this cap. Centralized Intake will make decisions on a case by case basis in consultation with funders of RRH in Delaware.