

Rapid Re-Housing in Delaware

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About Rapid Re-Housing

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) is a short term rental assistance and services program designed to quickly move households experiencing homelessness into permanent housing. RRH utilizes a housing first¹ approach to ending homelessness. Services provided by RRH programs are tailored to the needs of the individual or household. The goal of RRH is to successfully help a homeless household move back into permanent housing and stabilize in housing by providing time-limited financial assistance and services.

All RRH programs have 3 core components:

1. **Find Housing:** RRH staff assist households in finding appropriate housing options in the community. Services include preparing for landlord interviews, conducting a housing search, determining affordability, contacting and recruiting landlords, assisting with completing rental applications, identifying roommates (if preferred), and helping with the move-in process.
2. **Pay for Housing:** RRH programs offer financial assistance to pay for security deposits, rental application fees, utility deposits, and rental assistance. Rental assistance is not intended to be permanent. Rather, it is provided as needed on a short-term basis, while the household is working to increase their income and stabilize in housing.
3. **Stay in Housing:** RRH services include case management tailored to meet the needs of the household. This includes helping the household identify and access supportive services and resources in the community, increase their income, negotiate lease issues with their landlord, learn their rights and responsibilities as a tenant, manage their monthly budget, and other services as needed to help the household stabilize in permanent housing. Case management services are housing-focused, client-driven, voluntary, and flexible.



¹ For more information on Housing First, please visit: <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housing-first/>

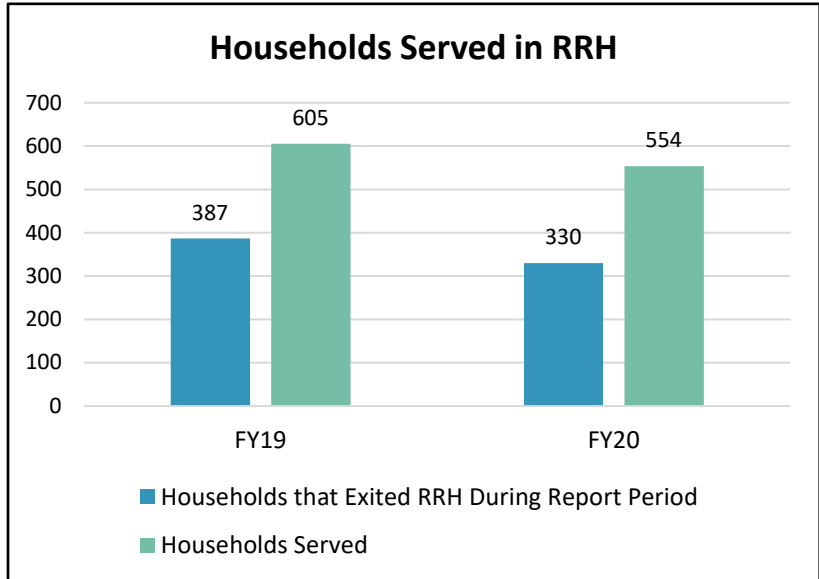
Rapid Re-Housing Performance Outcomes

Seven nonprofit agencies provide RRH assistance in Delaware: YWCA Delaware, Family Promise of Northern New Castle County, Ministry of Caring, Catholic Charities, Connections Community Support Programs, People’s Place II, and the Veterans Multiservice Center. The Performance data in this report is pulled from CMIS for the period **July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 (FY20)**.

Households Served

In FY20, 554 households - comprising of 1,227 people - were served by a RRH program in Delaware. A household can be comprised of a single adult, a household without children (such as a couple or parent and adult child), or a family with children.

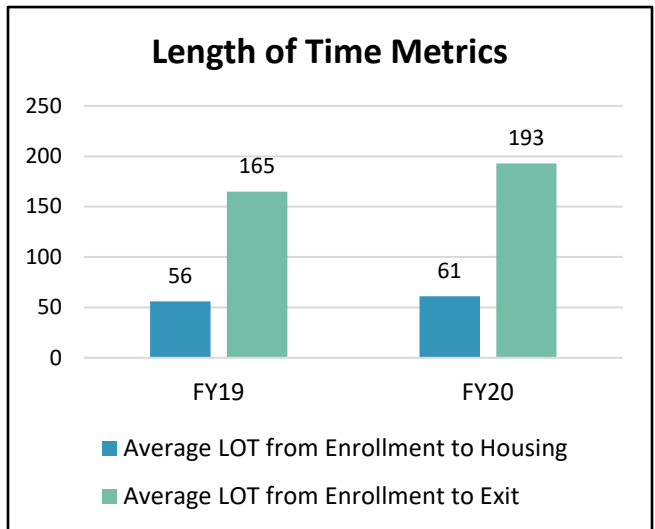
From July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, 191 households were referred to RRH by Centralized Intake.



Length of Time Measures

In FY20, the average length of time it took for a household to move from homelessness to permanent housing was 61 days, or approximately 9 weeks.

The average length of time from RRH program enrollment to program exit was 193 days, or approximately 27.5 weeks. This indicates that households took an average of 132 days, approximately 19 weeks, for households served to stabilize in permanent housing without assistance, after move-in.

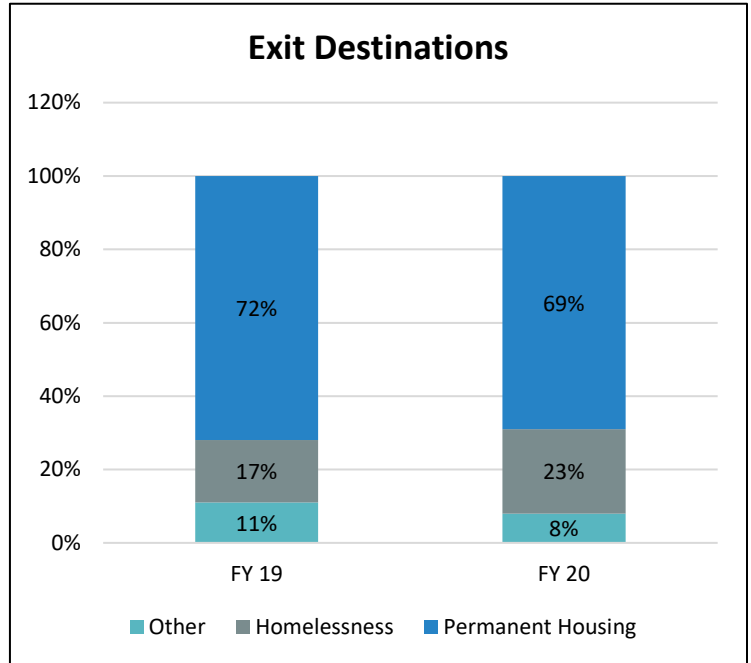


Exits to Permanent Housing

The goal of RRH is to successfully move a homeless household into permanent housing and help the household stabilize in by providing time-limited financial assistance and services.

In FY20, 69% (227) of households that exited a RRH program, exited successfully to permanent housing, while 23% (77) exited to homelessness.

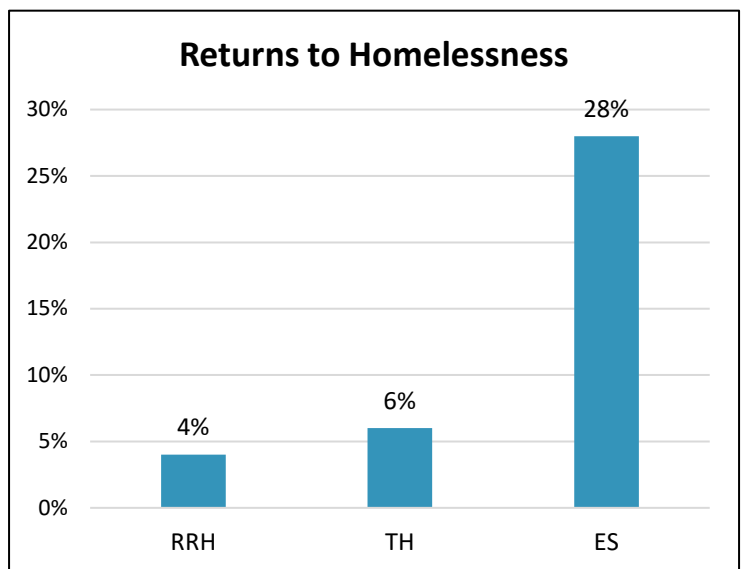
The remaining 8% of households exited to an “Other” destination – which includes temporarily moving in with friends or family, entering an institution (behavioral health facility, prison, hospital, etc.) or an unknown destination.



Returns to Homelessness

From FY 18 – FY 20, 4% of households that exited a Rapid Re-Housing Program to permanent housing returned to homelessness within two years.

By comparison, 6% of households that exited transitional to permanent housing returned to homelessness and 28% of households that exited emergency shelter to permanent housing returned to homelessness.

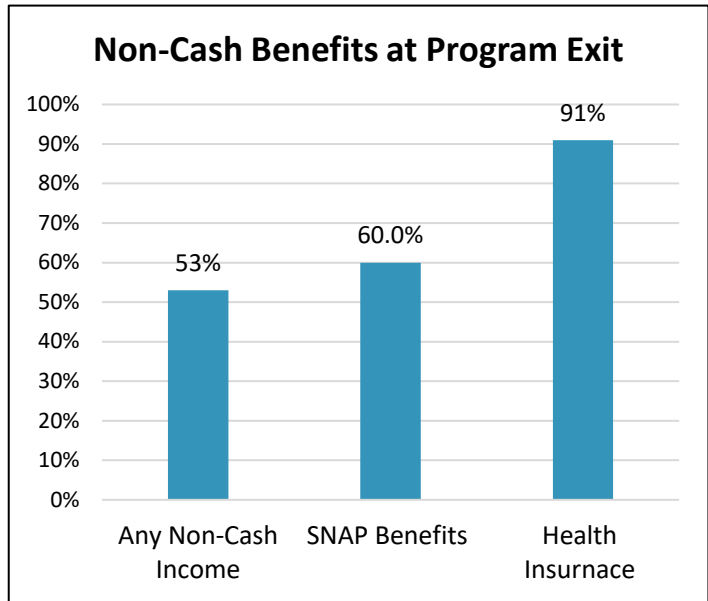


Income & Benefits

RRH programs assist household with increasing income and accessing mainstream benefits. Generating income and accessing eligible benefits are essential components of housing stability.

In FY20, 74% (244 households) of households that exited a RRH program had some form of cash income. This can include income from employment, SSDI, SSI, retirement, TANF, alimony, and other types of cash income.

In FY20, 53% (175 households) of households exiting a RRH program were receiving some form of non-cash benefits upon exit.



91% (303 households) of households had health insurance and 60% (200 households) of households were enrolled in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP).

Cost Effectiveness of RRH

RRH in Delaware is supported by a variety of public funding sources, a majority of which are federally funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are administered at the state and local level to support case management staff and provide direct financial assistance to homeless households.

The chart below outlines the existing funding sources and the award totals for FY20. In FY20, the average cost per successful permanent housing outcome in Rapid Re-Housing was approximately \$8,888 per household. In other words, on average it costs \$9,000 to successfully house a homeless household using RRH in Delaware.

RRH Funding in Delaware FY20*		
Funding Source	State/Local Administrator	Amount
HUD Emergency Solutions Grant	City of Wilmington	\$122,622
HUD Emergency Solutions Grant	Delaware State Housing Authority	\$71,000
HUD Emergency Solutions Grant	New Castle County	\$90,000
HUD Continuum of Care	Delaware Continuum of Care	\$634,000
Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh – Home4Good	Delaware State Housing Authority	\$375,000
Veteran’s Affairs	Connections CSP & Veteran’s Multiservice Center	\$725,000*
*estimated		Total = \$2,017,622