



# Community Development Block Grant Recovery Housing Program (RHP)

DSHA in partnership with DSAMH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

SLIDE 1



# WELCOME!



## Introductions

➤ DSHA

➤ DSAMH

➤ YOU!

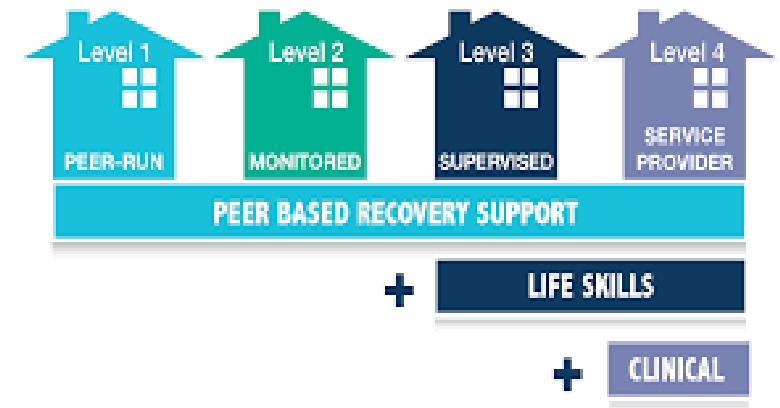


# Non-Profit Developers and Service Providers



## GOALS FOR TODAY

1. *Make New Partnerships*
2. *Discuss the Partnership Purpose*
  - Discuss RHP
  - Development is complicated process
  - Providing services is a complicated process
3. *Increase the supply of Recovery Housing in Delaware*



# Partnership Purpose



The DSHA-DSAMH Housing pilot will provide a safe and supportive living environment in Sussex County, Delaware for high risk populations with substance-related disorders, and co-occurring mental health.







# What is the RHP?



## SUPPORT Act Overview: Public Law 115-271 -SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act October 24, 2018

In response to the opioid epidemic, Section 8071 authorized the program to aid grantees with providing stable, temporary housing for up to 2 years, to individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder.

- Eligible States and the District of Columbia have age-adjusted rates of drug overdose deaths above the national overdose mortality rate.
- Based on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program under title 1 of Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.



# What is Recovery Housing?



- Recovery housing is an intervention designed to address the needs of people in recovery from substance use disorder
- For safe and healthy living environments
- While supplying the requisite recovery and peer supports

# Recovery Housing...



- Is an essential part of the substance use disorder treatment and recovery continuum of care
- Provides safe, healthy, and supportive substance-free living environments
- Is centered on peer support and a connection to services that promote long-term recovery
- Promotes connections to mutual support groups and recovery support services to reduce isolation and relapse



# RHP Funding



## Public Law 116-94, Signed December 20, 2019

Appropriated \$25 million to program authorized by the SUPPORT Act

## RHP Funding (National)

- FY 2020 Budget appropriated \$25 million to RHP (25 grantees)
- FY 2021 Budget appropriated a second round of \$25 million (27 grantees)
- •The allocation formula includes unemployment rates (15%), labor force nonparticipation (15%), and the age-adjusted rates of drug overdose deaths (70%)

## WHAT DID DELAWARE RECEIVE?

**\$1,022,000 FY20**

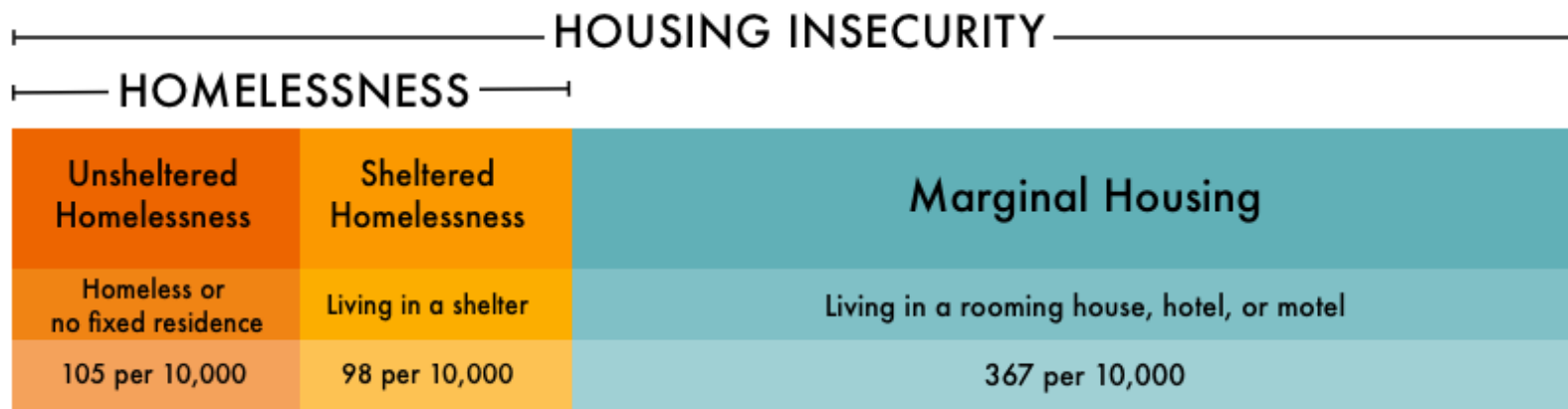
**\$1,227,551 FY21**



# Program Background



The relationship between chronic homelessness, substance abuse and mental health issues is often complex, with studies indicating that these conditions can be both a cause and consequence of homelessness. It is well documented that the chronic difficulties of improving treatment outcomes are challenging unless basic needs, such as housing, are addressed (SAMHSA, Homeless and Housing Resource Network, 2017).



**Nowhere to Go: Homelessness Among Formerly Incarcerated People**

<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/housing.html>

# Description of Services



DSAMH recognizes the role of supportive housing and integrated services for individuals with substance abuse disorders. Objectives for Integrated Recovery Services include:

- ❖ Service provision that meets the NARR Level 4, ASAM 3.1 Level of Care and staffing levels as defined in Section 6001, 13.1.2 of Title 16 of the Delaware Administrative Code related to Operation, Staffing, and Staff Schedules for transitional residential treatment. Description of NARR levels can be found at: [https://narronline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/NARR\\_levels\\_summary.pdf](https://narronline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/NARR_levels_summary.pdf)
- ❖ Address the biopsychosocial aspects of the individual in a supportive environment. Services should include a trauma informed approach, integrating motivational interviewing and evidence-based strategies. The program should be designed to develop the skills necessary to become self-supporting and live a substance-free lifestyle.

***The ultimate goal is to promote transition to continued recovery in independent living settings.***

# Target Population

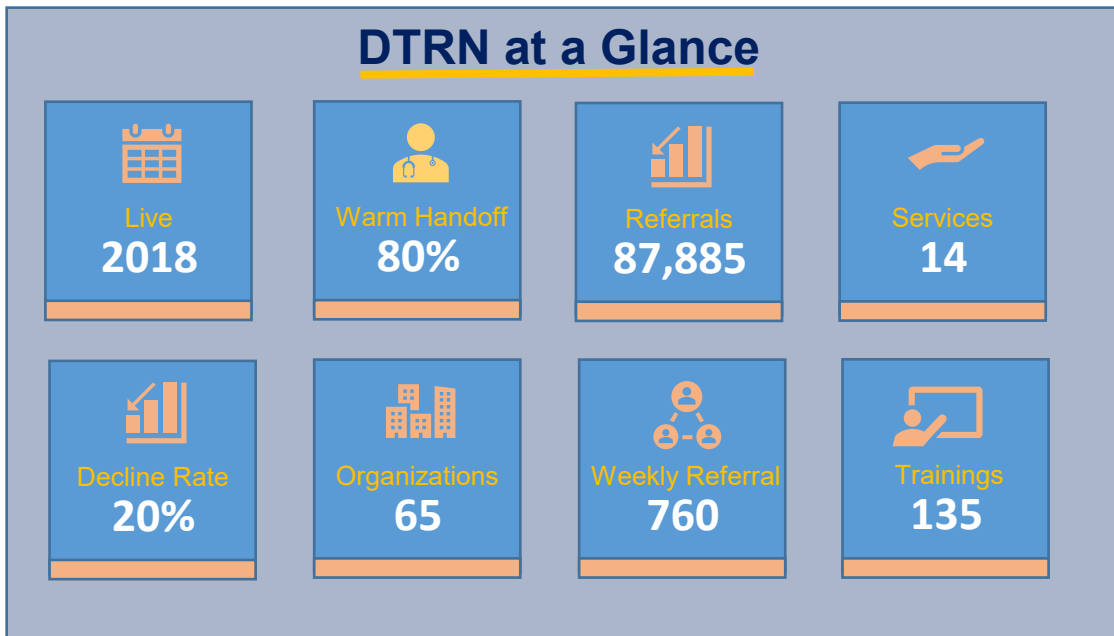
The target population for the integrated recovery services are adult (18 years of age and over) residents of Delaware meeting ASAM criteria for Level 3.1 services.

- ❖ Subpopulation priority preference for high-risk populations such as **justice-involved, transition age youth, intravenous drug users, pregnant women, parents with dependent children, veterans, LGBTQ+, justice-involved populations, individuals who are attempting to regain custody of their children, families, individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and culturally diverse populations.**
- ❖ High-risk populations as described above must receive first preference for treatment services. Awardees must describe how they will manage their wait list, with prioritization for these high-risk populations.





## Delaware Treatment and Referral Network (DTRN)



- Improves transitions in care
- Connects people to the care that they need
- Provides transparency to the referral process
- Visibility to where people are falling through the cracks
- Use data to identify care gaps and put resources in place to improve





# RHP: Main Objectives



RHP is organized within the framework of the **Community Development Block Grant, CDBG program**.

There are 3 fundamental principles for CDBG compliance

## 1. National Objectives:

Benefit Low-and Moderate-Income Persons based on the Limited Clientele criteria, as modified by the RHP Notice

## 2. Eligible Activity:

Use funds only for the limited list of eligible activities specified to carry out the purpose of RHP, found in the RHP Notice

## 3. Connection to Program Purpose:

Provide stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder



# RHP: Eligible Uses & Terms



## ELIGIBLE USES

- Acquisition Costs
- Renovation/Rehab Costs
- Pre-development Costs
  - Environmental Phase I
  - Appraisal
  - Capital Needs Assessment
  - Plans and Specs (if needed)
- Closing and Settlement Costs
- Capitalized Operating Reserves

## TERMS

- Amount eligible for – up to appraised value after rehab costs
- 0% Interest
- Acquisition/Rehab will be funded through a draw process;
- 30 year deferred deed restriction;
- Regulatory Requirements
- Monitoring Requirements



# DSHA Construction & Design Requirements



- Must be fully accessible

- Sprinkled

- Sustainable Products

([http://www.destatehousing.com/Developers/nhtf/2020/nhtf\\_2020\\_design\\_standards.pdf](http://www.destatehousing.com/Developers/nhtf/2020/nhtf_2020_design_standards.pdf))

- Capital Needs Assessment

What types of rehab are needed





## Annual Operating Budget

### Operating Expenses

- Maintenance Expenses
- Water/Sewer
- Electric
- Exterminating
- Audit
- Taxes Insurance
- Capital Replacement Reserve



## Annual Services Budget

- RHP Case Management/Peer Supports
- Urine Analyses
- Transportation
- Food
- Miscellaneous



# Mini Application



- ❑ Location Preference: Sussex County
- ❑ Sub-populations or target populations may be selected
- ❑ Operating and services budget sources and expenses
- ❑ Provide Covid policies
- ❑ Outcomes



## CDBG Requirements

- ✓ Disbursement timelines
- ✓ Uniform Relocation Act/104(d), if applicable
- ✓ Section 3
- ✓ Civil Rights/Fair Housing
- ✓ Lead Based Paint
- ✓ Environmental Review
- ✓ Procurement, if applicable

# Review, Scoring & Preliminary Awards



DSHA, DSAMH and other advocates will review and score the applications and make recommendations for the RHP award (s)

- Mini Application will have scoring categories and point ranges established for each criterion to gauge the extent to which the applicant meets the criterion.
- Factors will be considered in determining the points assigned.



***COLLABORATION OF PROVIDERS IS ENCOURAGED***

# Approvals and Settlement



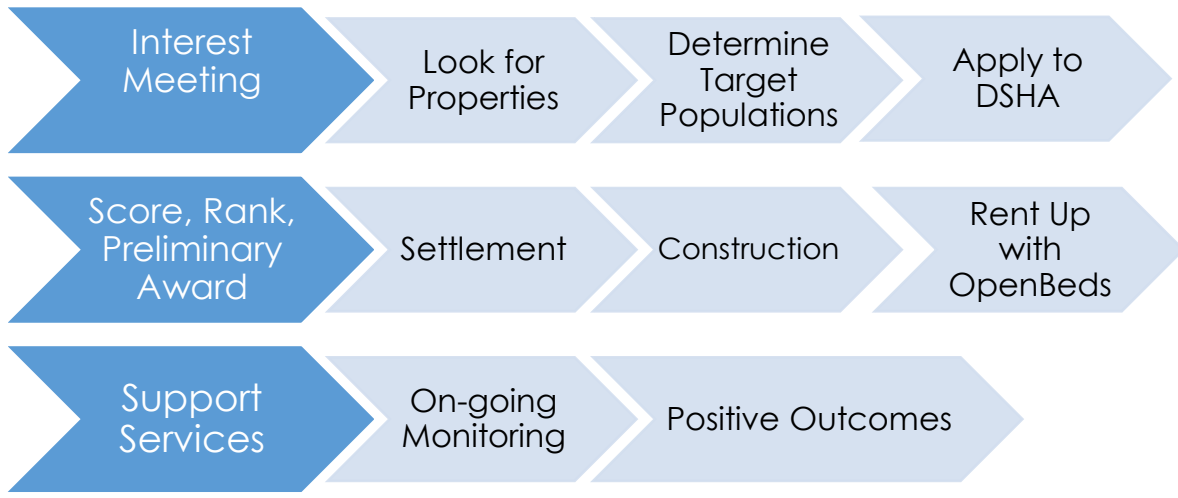
- Municipalities (zoning)
- Fire Marshal
- DSAMH (contract amendment)
- Other Lender or subsidy commitments, if applicable
- Entity Counsel must be registered in Delaware to practice
- DSHA Counsel will take settlement lead



- Annual Inspections
- Asset Management Requirements
- Residents may stay up to 24 months (can be non-consecutive)
- Resident Income Certification
  - Area Median Income (AMI)
    - ✓ 80% of AMI;
    - ✓ Persons who meet the federal poverty limits; or Persons insured by Medicaid



# Process and Timelines



## Timeline

- 10/01-** Public Information Session
- 11/30-** Mini RHP Application Due
- 12/21-** Rank, Review, Score Applications; Award Announcements; Preliminary Reservations
- 2022-** First Quarter Settlement



# Questions



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