



Arizona Department of Housing

2018 NOFA Second Chance RRH Questions and Answers

Question: I'm wondering if you would be able to answer a question regarding the NOFA: "Sixty-percent (65%) of short term housing residents (halfway housing) will be stably housed at end of financial assistance." Should this be 60% or 65%?

Answer: The answer is 65%.

Question: We would like to have the number to be served clarified a little more. I understood in the information meeting that you were asking providers to determine realistically how many could be served with the Financial Assistance, however we need a little more information.

1. Of the 850 in the control group (listed in the NOFA)- it is not expected that ALL of them will go through the program, correct? Some will chose to opt out and some may return to family, was my understanding. My notes were not clear and I was trying to gauge how many we are thinking will go through RRH and how many will just utilize the halfway house? A number of 10% to go through RRH was something I had heard and wasn't sure if that was accurate because it would put the total number expected to go through RRH at something less than 85.

Answer: It is expected that most will go to halfway houses and a small number, difficult to estimate but 10% is reasonable, would actually go to RRH directly from release.

2. How many are estimated to be released each month?

Answer: Approximately 25 are released per week and half of that number will be eligible for this program.

Question: For RRH- there was various language used in the NOFA so I would like to have clarification for the following:

1. The NOFA states to “follow federal regulations”, but is that ESG or COC?

Answer: It is COC with a limit on the type of supportive services to be provided which may be delineated in a contract’s scope of work.

2. HQS would be the inspection used for all RRH units?

Answer: Yes as that is the COC standard.

3. For financial assistance, will we be using the COC approved financial standards of a portion of the rent be it 100%, 67%, or 33% or will we be using more of a TBRA 30% of income calculation? (Depending on the method used it could affect our fees with HOM Inc. so we want to be clear to accurately account for these fees in our budget).

Answer: Approved Financial Standards.

4. This will be Housing Choice so participants will need to be able to select the unit they are moving to?

Answer: For the RRH portion of the program, yes.

5. When working with landlords I would like to know if the ALIP or another option would be available to this project. ALIP states that the funds must be used for programs that enter data into HMIS. Since we will not be using HMIS for this project we want to know if some type of reimbursement would be available to landlords in case of damage or vacancy loss. This will be appealing when we start outreach to new potential landlords that will work with this specific population.

Answer: ALIP will not be available but another option could be discussed to be paid from the allocated funding for this project.

Question: For budgeting reasons we would just like clarification that the 3 month program length is firm? Our understanding is also it is a \$6000 max per participant.

Answer: This is correct at this time.

Question: On the proposal we are asking for clarification in regards to Question 1 and Question 4. We read it as Question 1 asking for our understanding of what the program is meant to provide and Question 4 is our opportunity to demonstrate how we plan to implement the program. Are we on the right track? With that, Question 6 is very similar to what is being asked in Question 4. Is there any specific information that you are looking for in those two separate questions?

Answer: Question 4 focuses on supportive services and mainstream services while Question 6 is a focus on assisting with employment and increasing income.