

Rapid Re-Housing 101

What

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- Learn about the core components of rapid re-housing: housing identification, rent and move-in assistance, and rapid re-housing case management and services.

Who

- Persons living in a place not meant for human habitation (living in a tent, in a CONDEMNED house, in a car or similar place not meant for human habitation)
- Persons living in shelter such as OMI, BOLM, emergency hotel stay (paid for by a nonprofit or faith based entity) or faith based shelter
- Persons in transitional housing such as Family Promise or the Oak Ranch
- Persons exiting an institution such as a hospital, rehabilitation center, drug treatment facility or jail/prison where they resided <90 days and were HUD homeless prior to incarceration

When

- Applicants must first contact 2-1-1 to begin the process in Lee County. Any person attempting to circumvent this process will be directed back to 2-1-1 and offered the opportunity to do so onsite.
- Initial intake will commence at the local shelter level or at JLHCA for unsheltered applicants
- An assessment will be completed after the federally mandated 14 day wait period (waived only if applicant is unsheltered)

FAQs

1. **What if client is not working?** *"Employment is not to be considered in determining eligibility for services in discussion or practice. Rapid re-housing provides short-term rental assistance and services. The goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed. It is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety) and the resources and services provided are typically tailored to the needs of the person."*
<https://endhomelessness.org/ending-homelessness/solutions/rapid-re-housing/>
2. **What if I am in the shelter and have found a place but just need help with the deposit?** *This program is not, nor has it ever been intended, to be used for that purpose. "By connecting people with a home, they are in a better position to address other challenges that may have led to their homelessness, such as obtaining employment or addressing substance abuse issues. The intervention has also been effective for people traditionally perceived to be more difficult to serve, including people with limited or no income and survivors of domestic violence."*
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3. **Why put them in housing just for them to lose it after rental assistance stops?** *Seventy (70%) percent of RRH participants in Lee County over the last 4 years maintained housing for at least one year.*
4. **If a person needs mental health or substance abuse treatment, why not require them to get that help prior to giving them housing?** *"Rapid re-housing is a primary solution for ending homelessness. It has been demonstrated to be effective in getting people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing and keeping them there. By connecting people with a home, they are in a better position to address other challenges that may have led to their homelessness, such as obtaining employment or addressing substance abuse issues. The intervention has also been effective for people traditionally perceived to be more difficult to serve, including people with limited or no income and survivors of domestic violence."*
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5. **How is it determined who will receive assistance through RRH?** *"The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires every Continuum of Care (CoC) to evaluate outcomes of projects funded under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program and the Continuum of Care program and report to HUD (24 CFR 578.7(a)7). In consultation with recipients of ESG program funds within the geographic area, CoCs must establish and operate either a centralized or coordinated entry system that provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individual and families for housing and services."*
<https://www.ncceh.org/media/files/page/989ed7ca/nc-bos-coordinated-assessment-written-standards-updated-6-11-19.pdf>

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