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Recovery Housing Program Action Plan Public Hearing

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Agenda



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Public Comment & Input



How to Submit Public Comments

Introduction & Housekeeping



To ensure that everyone in attendance has a chance to voice their opinion and to make sure we can hear all comments:



We will call on all attendees to see if they have any comments after the presentation.



Please hold your comments to three minutes at a time. This will give everyone an equal chance to make comments.



If you have more to say, or have very detailed comments about programs, please contact one of us later (contact information is also on the last slide).

OCRA CDBG Mission

▶ Indiana's state-administered Community Development Block Grant program fosters growth and resilience in rural cities and towns by investing in local initiatives that encourage communities to build, strengthen and thrive.

Recovery Housing Program Purpose

- ▶ The Recovery Housing Program (RHP) provides funding to States and the Washington DC for stable, temporary housing for individuals recovering from substance use disorders.
- ▶ RHP supports recovery efforts by helping individuals transition to permanent housing and self-sufficiency.
- ▶ Assistance Limits:
 - ▶ The funding covers a period of not more than two years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever is earlier

Recovery Housing Program Use of Funds

- ▶ Funds may be used for
 - ▶ Rehabilitation, expansion or development of real property to preserve or expand recovery housing units.
 - ▶ Assisting individuals with limited financial resources to pay for recovery housing through subsidies of the lease, rent, utilities and other housing-related costs.
- ▶ Must benefit low- and moderate-income persons and fulfill the Limited Clientele National Objective
- ▶ Must comply with:
 - ▶ Fair housing
 - ▶ Nondiscrimination
 - ▶ Labor standards
 - ▶ Environmental regulations
- ▶ Wraparound recovery services encouraged

Key Program Features

- ▶ Created and funded under the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.
- ▶ Administered as a pilot program through U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Community Planning and Development Office.
- ▶ Treated as CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
- ▶ Waivers were provided by HUD that modify CDBG program regulations

Proposed Recovery Housing Program Allocations

- ▶ RHP funding is provided to States with age-adjusted drug overdose death rates above the national average (per CDC data).
 - ▶ Formula published in the 2019 Federal Register (84 FR 16027).
- ▶ Administrative costs constitutes 5% of the State's Recovery Housing allocation. These funds will be used by OCRA for expenses associated with administering its program, including direct personnel services and fringe benefits.
- ▶ OCRA will set aside \$863,575.65 towards eligible RHP activities and will set aside \$45,451.35 for administrative costs of the program.

Use of Funds: FY 2025	Amount
Recovery Housing Program	\$863,575.65
Administrative Costs (5%)	\$45,451.35
Total	\$909,027

Amendment Five Proposed Goals



Goal 1: Fund at least one newly constructed transitional recovery housing residence.



Goal 2: Increase the number of temporary housing beds available for those recovering from substance use disorder by 1% for a total of at least 1,644 available beds in Indiana designated residences.



Goal 3: All RHP funds will meet the overall benefit low to moderate income people by providing access to temporary transitional housing.

Proposed Recovery Housing Program Updates

- ▶ **OCRA will accept applications using an open-door application process to expedite the application process and eliminate barriers to the provision of effective and timely assistance to individuals seeking transitional recovery housing.**
- ▶ **Points will be awarded to applicants providing recovery housing services within the boundaries of a county identified by the Department of Health as having a high rate of overdose deaths in 2025.**
- ▶ **If a non-profit (subrecipient) is to partner with the eligible applicant to carry out RHP activities, the non-profit **must** provide documentation validating their registration as a recovery residence with the State of Indiana pursuant to IC 12-23-25-3, effective July 1, 2026.**

Eligibility & Award

- ▶ **Eligible Applicants:** Any entitlement or non-entitlement unit of local government or Indian tribes in the State of Indiana.
 - ▶ A unit of local government may partner with an eligible subrecipient to carry out RHP activities. Subrecipients must document its nonprofit status with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, the Indiana Department of Revenue, and the Indiana Secretary of State. The non-profit must document its valid up-to-date registration as a recovery residence with the State of Indiana. The non-profit must have the capacity to carry out the activities of an eligible project.
- ▶ **Maximum Award:** \$750,000 maximum grant amount
- ▶ **Eligible Activities:** OCRA reserves the right to review the eligibility of other activities for this program
 - ▶ Acquisition of real property
 - ▶ Lease, rent, and utilities for expansion of services
 - ▶ Rehabilitation and reconstruction of single or multi-unit residential buildings
 - ▶ Disposition of real property
 - ▶ Clearance and demolition
 - ▶ Administrator costs (OCRA certified Grant Administrator)

Public Comments



- ▶ Tell us what you think of the 2020 RHP Action Plan Amendment Five:
- ▶ What do you like the best?
- ▶ What concerns you?
- ▶ What would you change?
- ▶ What comments do you have today?



How to Comment on the RHP Action Plan Amendment

- ▶ Through Aug. 7, 2026, you may send email comments to: CDBG@OCRA.IN.gov
- ▶ Send a letter to:
 - ▶ Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
 - ▶ One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204-22288
 - ▶ Attn: RHP Action Plan Amendment Comments
- ▶ Access the RHP Actions Plan Amendment at:
<https://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg/consolidated-and-action-plans/>