



RRH Tool FAQ

Ohio BoSCoC

Introduction

This document addresses several frequently asked questions (FAQs) about Rapid Re-housing (RRH). If there are additional concerns or questions, please email ohioboscoc@cohhio.org.

Rapid Re-housing (RRH) is a short-term intervention to help individuals and families exit homelessness as quickly as possible, move into permanent housing, and achieve stability in housing. To be defined as RRH, a project must be comprised of the following three core components: housing identification assistance, financial assistance, and case management and supportive services.

It is important to note that within the Ohio BoSCoC there are three primary programs that provide funding for RRH projects: the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, and the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP). HCRP is funded both by the Ohio Housing Trust Fund and by the federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. Please be aware of the differences between funding sources, if applicable. Also note that the information below does not apply to RRH projects funded by HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP).

Question	CoC Answer	ESG/HCRP Answer	Last Updated
Would an individual/household fleeing domestic violence need to be literally homeless to be eligible for RRH?	the participant can be category 1 (literally homeless) and/or category 4 (fleeing/attempting to flee DV) .	HCRP RRH - can only serve those who are category 1 (literally homeless) only.	8/4/25
What are the training requirements for Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections?	According to the CoC Program Interim Rule (§ 578.75(b)): <ul style="list-style-type: none">The recipient or subrecipient must physically inspect all units prior to expending CoC funds and must continue to do so annually throughout the grant period. The annual review can take place during lease renewal.	ESG/HCRP are required to follow Habitability Standards instead of HQS. However, ESG/HCRP funded RRH projects could use HQS if desired	8/4/2025

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspectors do not need to be certified. The owner of the unit has 30 days to address and correct any deficiencies in the unit. The recipient or subrecipient must maintain documentation of compliance with HQS, including inspection reports. <p>Housing Quality Standards Inspection Checklist</p>		
Are month to month leases acceptable for HCRP RRH?	No. CoC RRH participants must have a signed lease that is for one-year.	Yes. Month-to-month leases would be acceptable for HCRP RRH.	8/4/2025
Can regional policies have different lease length requirements?	No. All CoC and HCRP RRH grantees must follow CoC/HCRP lease requirements mentioned in the above response.	No. All CoC and HCRP RRH grantees must follow CoC/HCRP lease requirements mentioned in the above response	8/4/2025
How much RRH assistance is someone eligible for? What happens if they use the full 24 months and still need ongoing assistance?	<p>The total period for which any CoC or HCRP RRH participant may receive RRH services must not exceed 24 months during any 3-year period.</p> <p>According to the Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards, “24 months of assistance, over a three-year period, is the absolute maximum amount of assistance that may be provided to any RRH client. If serving an RRH client with more than 12</p>	<p>The total period for which any CoC or HCRP RRH participant may receive RRH services must not exceed 24 months during any 3-year period.</p> <p>According to the Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards, “24 months of assistance, over a three-year period, is the absolute maximum amount of assistance that may be provided to any RRH client. If serving an RRH client with more</p>	8/4/2025

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	<p>months rental assistance, RRH program staff should require and document twice monthly meetings with RRH client for purposes of creating and monitoring progress on plans to gain or increase income and/or benefits. On a monthly basis, assess RRH client for ongoing need for assistance. And recertify and document program eligibility every 90 days” (pg. 42)</p> <p>Please remember that RRH assistance should be tailored to the individual needs of the household. Meaning each RRH household will need varying amounts of assistance.</p>	<p>than 12 months rental assistance, RRH program staff should require and document twice monthly meetings with RRH client for purposes of creating and monitoring progress on plans to gain or increase income and/or benefits. On a monthly basis, assess RRH client for ongoing need for assistance. And recertify and document program eligibility every 90 days” (pg. 42)</p> <p>Please remember that RRH assistance should be tailored to the individual needs of the household. Meaning each RRH household will need varying amounts of assistance.</p>	
What documentation should be in a client file to demonstrate the client was appropriately prioritized in the local PH Prioritization Workgroup, in compliance with Ohio BoSCoC Coordinated Entry (CE) requirements and the Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards? compliance with the prioritization requirement?	For both CoC & HCRP RRH, proper prioritization documentation would include meeting notes from prioritization workgroups indicating the client was prioritized for the program and explaining why, or a formal written referral from the prioritization workgroup to the program stating the client was prioritized and why.	For both CoC & HCRP RRH, proper prioritization documentation would include meeting notes from prioritization workgroups indicating the client was prioritized for the program and explaining why, or a formal written referral from the prioritization workgroup to the program stating the client was prioritized and why.	8/4/2025
Can RRH programs require anyone who was exited from the program to wait a certain amount of time before receiving assistance again?	No. HCRP and CoC RRH should not restrict clients from re-entering RRH if they are eligible and have been prioritized	No. HCRP and CoC RRH should not restrict clients from re-entering RRH if they are eligible and have been prioritized	8/4/2025
Can RRH funds be used to pay lot rent?	No. Rental assistance cannot be used to pay lot	No. Rental assistance cannot be used to pay lot	8/4/2025

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	rent because an HQS inspection and rent reasonableness determination cannot be done on a lot.	rent because a habitability inspection and rent reasonableness determination cannot be done on a lot.	
Does Fair Market Rent (FMR) include the cost of utilities?	Yes. FMR includes rent and utilities. If the tenant pays for the utilities, the calculation of the tenant rent must include a utility allowance. RRH providers should use their local Public Housing Authority (PHA) schedule of utility allowances	Yes. FMR includes rent and utilities. If the tenant pays for the utilities, the calculation of the tenant rent must include a utility allowance. RRH providers should use their local Public Housing Authority (PHA) schedule of utility allowances	8/4/2025
Since RRH does not have an income requirement, how can providers ensure clients will be able to maintain housing after assistance ends?	<p>Both CoC and HCRP RRH have no income requirements at entry. Both programs are required to recertify participant income after 1 year, at which time income must be no more than 30% AMI.</p> <p>Program staff should work with participants to create a Housing Stability Plan that includes action steps to ensure the ability to maintain housing after RRH assistance ends. CoC and HCRP RRH also require monthly case management. These meetings are opportunities to check on the progress of Housing Stability Plans and offer assistance linking clients with voluntary services such as employment training, SSI/SSDI applications, etc</p>	<p>Both CoC and HCRP RRH have no income requirements at entry. Both programs are required to recertify participant income after 1 year, at which time income must be no more than 30% AMI.</p> <p>Program staff should work with participants to create a Housing Stability Plan that includes action steps to ensure the ability to maintain housing after RRH assistance ends. CoC and HCRP RRH also require monthly case management. These meetings are opportunities to check on the progress of Housing Stability Plans and offer assistance linking clients with voluntary services such as employment</p>	8/4/2025



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How long can a client be enrolled in RRH during the housing search and location process?	For CoC RRH, there is no limit on the amount of time allowed to search for and locate housing for a participant. It is still important to document all steps taken during this process to demonstrate the active participation of the participant and offering of assistance by the case manager.	For HCRP RRH, time spent with housing stability and case management assistance can equal up to 30 days for the period which the program participant is seeking permanent housing and may not exceed 24 months during the period in which the program participant is living in permanent housing.	8/4/2025