

**Allegheny County
Department of Human Services
Request for Proposals Q&A**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rapid Re-Housing Bonus Program

October 6, 2015

7. How many contracts will be awarded and what is the value of each contract? Please see page 2 of the RFP. "The Successful Proposals will be included in DHS's annual response to HUD's NOFA. Dependent upon HUD approval of DHS's response to the NOFA, DHS intends to enter into an Agreement with the Successful Proposer(s) to provide each RRH Program for a term of one year. Total funding for both RRH Programs will not exceed \$600,000. Funding for the RRH Program serving families (henceforth referred to as the Family RRH Program) will not exceed \$500,000 and funding for the RRH Program serving unaccompanied youth (henceforth referred to as the Youth RRH Program) will not exceed \$100,000."

6. May an organization located outside of Allegheny County submit a proposal? Yes, organizations outside of Allegheny County are eligible to submit proposals. Please reference the complete eligibility criteria beginning on page 3 of the RFP.

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5. How much Admin would be allocated in a \$100,000 Budget? No more than 7%, split between county and provider at 3.5% each.

4. We would like to use this program to aid the My Place clients during their transition from that program to living on their own. Can we structure the program in that way? The goal is to use this program to reduce the time the My Place clients are in transitional housing. No, transitional housing clients are not eligible for RRH. The NOFA requires any new RRH project to only accept clients from the streets or emergency shelters and prohibits transfers from transitional housing.

3. We are proposing to offer a mix of aid. We would like to have slots reserved for up to 3 months rental assistance at 100%. We would also like to have slots reserved for up to 9 months rental assistance with a gradual increase in the client responsibility for the rent. Can we structure the program this way? All units must be structured the same way, and all should gradually increase the client responsibility.

2. When reviewing the budget template, I see a utility deposit line item under supportive services. Can we also pay utility arrearages to enable the client to qualify for utilities? If we can pay arrearages would they be billed under the utilities line item? Arrearages are not eligible for payment under HUD funding.

1. Most leases require security deposits and first month's rent. Can they be paid under this program? Would they be included in the calculation of the first 3 months at 100%? Yes, security deposits and first month's rent may be paid under this program. Calculations are done based on FMR. There is no requirement for 3 months @ 100%--if you choose to do this, you must factor it into your available funding.

September 30, 2015

Please note the following text has been added to page 12 of the RFP:

IX. Compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations

Complete this section separately for each RRH Program your organization is proposing to provide.

- Describe your plan and commitment to comply with the laws and regulations listed on page 13 of this RFP.