

Rapid Rehousing Initiative

Shelter Support and Housing Administration



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The Rapid Housing Initiative [phase 1] pilot project began in late March 2020 in partnership with TCHC to permanently move eligible, low support, shelter clients into vacant TCHC units as a response to COVID 19.

Phase 1

Total Number of Units

338

Number of People housed

493

Phase 2 of the Rapid Rehousing Initiative began January 2021. TCHC has committed to providing at least 300 RGI units for Phase 2. To date in Phase 2 we have housed 91 people in a total of 76 RGI units!

Eligibility Criteria

- Have an active and up to date application in TAWL
- Have 6 months chronicity
- Sign the consent to participate in Coordinated Access
- Provide a Housing Support Screening Tool (HSST) that demonstrates low support needs
- Agree to direct deposit or pay direct for their rent, and
- Agree to a referral for follow-up supports.

Matching Clients

A list of prioritized clients is generated by merging the BNL and the CWL using the following parameters:

- Chronically homeless individuals with active TAWL applications
- Order from longest length of homelessness to shortest
- Filtered by longest time on the CWL
- The short list is presented to selected site(s) along with a batch of units
- The site will select eligible clients from list and match to desired unit
- If no or insufficient matches can be made a secondary list will be provided

Housing Essential Documentation

- Photo ID-Front & Back Required*
- Valid status document(s)
- Last 3 months of bank statements
- Most recent tax documents
- Proof of income (i.e. paystubs, OW/ODSP stubs) and
- No outstanding rental arrears*
- Complete HIAR form
- Complete HSST Form*

Challenges

- Misconception about process
 - Prioritization based NOT Referral based
- There is not enough eligible clients on the short list
 - We will continue to send short lists until the entire list of prioritized clients is exhausted
- Clients may not have all the documents
 - We are asking that all sites in preparation for a RRH allocation OR any additional housing opportunities prioritize housing essential documentation directly following admission into your program

Training & Information Sessions

HSST Training and Information sessions further breaking down the process of Rapid Rehousing as well as how to complete the HSST document are available

Training/Information sessions available late April & early May 2021, dates TBD.

Rapid Rehousing-Contact Info

If you are interested in attending an information session or have any additional questions regarding Rapid Rehousing please contact:

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Rapid Rehousing-Follow Up Supports

If you are interested in attending an upcoming information session or have any additional questions regarding follow up supports please contact:

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Thank You!

