



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Local Government Officials and Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Valerie D. Moore Fegans, Director *VF*  
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

**DATE:** January 12, 2024

**SUBJECT:** 2024 Recovery Housing Program (RHP) – Notice of Funding Availability

**Administering Agency:** Division of Rural Economic Development (REDD), N.C. Department of Commerce, 301 North Wilmington Street, 4346 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4346

**Program Description:** The Recovery Housing Program (RHP) is a pilot program, designed to assist individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder (SUD) with stable, transitional housing while on the path to self-sufficiency. The assistance is limited, per individual, to a period of not more than 2 years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever is earlier. Funds made available through RHP will be treated as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and will be governed by the CDBG regulations.

RHP eligible activities include:

- Public facilities and improvements;
- Acquisition and disposition of real property;
- Payment of lease, rent, and utilities
- Rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction of both single family, multifamily, and public housing;
- Clearance and demolition;
- Relocation; and/or
- Administration.

The State's RHP program will prioritize the selection of applicants with the greatest need and ability to deliver effective assistance in a timely manner – applicants must demonstrate the capacity to expend at least 30% of RHP funds in the first year of receiving funds. Additionally, the State's RHP program will give priority to RHP eligible activities that rehabilitate, expand, or develop real property to create, preserve, or expand recovery housing units as described in FR-6225-N-01.

**Eligibility Guidelines:**

All municipalities in North Carolina are eligible to receive Small Cities RHP funds including entitlement communities in the state that receive funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Priority will be given to Tier 1 and 2 counties (*especially those with overdose rates over the national average*). Applicants must be registered and active in SAM.GOV at time of application submission.

RHP project submissions must meet RHP criteria (below) and can earn up to 100 points based on the following elements. Applicants are responsible for determining and providing sufficient support documentation.

**RHP Request for Application Criteria (can earn up to 100 points)**

- A. Executive Summary — **Submit required format**
- B. Statement of Needs — **Up to 25 points**
- C. Project Description — **Up to 32 points**
- D. Projected Outputs and Outcomes — **Up to 16 points**
- E. Leveragability — **Up to 12 points**
- F. Budget and Budget Narrative — **Up to 5 points**
- G. Feasibility — **Up to 5 points**
- H. Organizational Capacity — **Up to 5 points**
- I. Required Forms: — **Recommended Attachments and Supporting Documentation**

Applicants with project submissions proposing to assist individuals in recovery from SUD with stable, transitional housing within the Appalachian region of the State, should clearly state leveragability to the Appalachian Regional Commission’s (ARC) Strategies and Initiatives within the Leveragability section of the application.

**Source of Funds:**

Section 8071 of the “Substance Use–Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act”, also referred to as the “SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act” (SUPPORT Act), Public Law 115–271

**Maximum Funding Amount:**

**\$1,000,000** is the Award Ceiling (Maximum)

**Total Funding Available:**

Approximately **\$2,508,205** and of this amount, approximately, **\$1,506,320** is set-aside for the RHP projects within the Appalachian region.

**Funding Cycle:**

Applications are due by **4:00 PM on Friday, April 12, 2024**.

**For Additional Information:**

Application can be retrieved from [www.commerce.nc.gov](http://www.commerce.nc.gov) or by contacting Shycole Simpson-Carter, Special Programs Manager at (919) 814-4678 (office), (919) 740-8738 (mobile), (TDD 1-800-735-2962), or [s.simpson-carter@commerce.nc.gov](mailto:s.simpson-carter@commerce.nc.gov). Also, please direct all program inquiries to Shycole Simpson-Carter.