



RECOVERY HOUSING PROGRAM

The Recovery Housing Program is a pilot program deploying federal resources in New Hampshire to help increase the availability of stable, temporary housing to individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder.

There is critical need for recovery housing in New Hampshire and these federal funds aim to help alleviate the significant shortage of this type of housing across the state.

The New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) will administer the Recovery Housing Program which was authorized via the federal Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act of 2018.

PARTNER COORDINATION

CDFA coordinated with multiple partners to identify recovery housing needs in New Hampshire and ensure Recovery Housing Program goals were based on data, trends, and public participation. The process to identify needs and establish program priorities included:

- Hosting recovery home provider interviews across the state;
- Conducting a survey of recovery homes and other stakeholders;
- Soliciting public input through one-on-one outreach;
- Researching and evaluating best practices and program models.

Partners engaged in this process included New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Action New Hampshire, and the New Hampshire Coalition of Recovery Residences.

CDFA will continue to work with these partners and others as the program progresses to assist with outreach and to obtain feedback regarding the program.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

The Recovery Housing Program has approximately \$1.96 million of available funds for awards to grantees. These funds will be treated as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as outlined under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, unless otherwise provided in Section 8071 of the SUPPORT Act or modified by waivers and alternative requirements.

Eligible applicants may apply for up to \$250,000 per activity and up to \$500,000 per subrecipient (if applying for two different eligible activities). For example, an applicant applying for up to \$500,000 per subrecipient may be doing so to support acquisition and rehabilitation for the same property with Recovery Housing Program funds.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

CDFA will distribute Recovery Housing Program funds through competitive grants to New Hampshire cities, towns and counties. A non-profit agency may also apply through its municipality or county as a sub-recipient of funds. Entitlement communities (Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth, Rochester and Dover) are also eligible to apply.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Eligible activities must benefit individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder and are limited to:

- Public facilities and improvements;
- Acquisition of real property;
- Rehabilitation and reconstruction of multi-unit residential buildings;

- Rehabilitation and reconstruction of single-unit residential buildings;
- New construction of housing.

The assistance is limited, per individual, to a period of not more than two years or until the individual secures permanent housing.

Individual in Recovery: As defined by SAMSHA, an individual in the process of change through which they improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential.

Substance Use Disorder: As defined by SAMSHA, Substance use disorders occur when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

CDFA staff will evaluate all complete applications in accordance with the process and criteria outlined in the [Recovery Housing Program Application and Program Guide](#). Criteria includes: projects ability to meet statewide recovery housing needs, geography and populations served, partnerships with community supports, project specific needs and impact, capacity and readiness to implement.

Applications with the highest score will be recommended for funding until the funding is expended.

HOW TO APPLY

CDFA strongly encourages potential applicants to attend the Recovery Housing Program Application Workshop on October 24 at 2:00 PM ([REGISTER HERE](#)). A recording of the workshop will be posted here on CDFA's Resource Hub: <https://resources.nhcdfa.org/programs/community-development-block-grant/application/special-allocations/>.

Potential applicants should also contact CDFA for a pre-application meeting before deciding to apply. Interested organizations can schedule a meeting via CDFA's website (<https://nhcdfa.org/schedule-a-meeting/>) or by contacting Kirsten Barton, Housing Specialist, at kbarton@nhcdfa.org.

All applications are submitted online through the CDFA Grants Management System (GMS). After registration, municipalities and their representatives can access application materials and complete their applications online.

Additional information on the Recovery Housing Program can be found on [CDFA's Resource Hub](#), including the [Recovery Housing Program Application and Program Guide](#).

The deadline for the initial round Recovery Housing Program applications is 4:00 PM on December 19, 2022. Applications will then be accepted on a rolling basis until funding is expended.