

Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) – COARC-0026

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

QUESTION	ANSWER
1. Will the agency accept an RFP from a for profit entity?	Yes, for-profit entities are eligible to apply.
2. Can the County please confirm whether for-profit organizations are eligible to apply?	Yes, for-profit organizations are eligible to apply.
3. What District is Wildomar included? On the RFP it states it is part of District 1.	Since the Riverside County Districts have been reassigned, the City of Wildomar is now in District 3.
4. Can you provide additional guidance regarding rapid rehousing and how rents are approved? Is it through rent reasonableness when we're figuring out our budget? Is there additional guidance you can provide so we can use it when we're making our budgets?	<p>Rapid Rehousing (RRH) may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help a homeless individual or family [including those living in an emergency shelter, on the streets, in a park, or in another place not meant for human habitation] move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.</p> <p>Projects may set a maximum period for which a participant may receive assistance. However, except for housing stability case management, the total period for which any participant may receive services under RRH cannot exceed 24 months during any 3-year period. Rental assistance cannot be provided unless the rent:</p> <p>a. Complies with HUD's standards of Rent Reasonableness (RR) as established under 24 CFR 982.5007.</p> <p>b. Rent shall equal the sum of the total monthly rent for the unit, any fees required for occupancy under the lease other than late fees and pet fees, and if the tenant pays separately for any utilities, the monthly allowance for those utilities (excluding telephone and internet) as established by the public housing authority (PHA) for the area in which the housing is located.</p> <p>c. Participants receiving rental assistance must have a written, legally binding lease that complies with the conditions laid out in 24 CFR576.106(g).</p> <p>You can determine the number of individuals you wish to serve by referencing the Fair Market Rent (FMR) in your area. By calculating your potential expenses based on the FMR, you can effectively establish your budget to align with your service goals. This approach ensures that your financial plan is both realistic and supportive of the population you intend to serve.</p>

<p>5. Is one organization allowed to apply for more than one population to be served? I.e. Would we be able to apply for general population for rapid rehousing/rental assistance and TAY population for emergency housing?</p>	<p>Yes, an organization is permitted to apply for more than one population to be served. If you are applying for different activities, please submit a separate scope of service for each activity.</p>
<p>6. Tab D. 2.: Please provide a specific list of the different types of insurances that are required to operate an RRH Program in Riverside County.</p>	<p>You can find more information on insurance requirements in the RFP COARC-0026 Terms & Conditions starting on page 11 of the sample agreement.</p>
<p>7. Tab E. 1.: Under the subheading, "Project Type," there is a discrepancy between this section and the section on page 3, where Outreach and Service Coordination are listed as one item. My area director intends to implement an RRH/Rental Assistance/Street Outreach Program, but we have still not decided whether we would like to provide service coordination services or not.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is it required that we do both "outreach and coordination"? b. Or should I just check the box, but only include the Outreach into the Scope of Services? 	<p>Service coordination and street outreach and coordination are two separate categories. If your agency is applying for "Street Outreach," please select outreach and coordination. It is not required to apply for more than one activity, but it is an option.</p>
<p>8. Tab F.1: My agency has had at least over 150 contracts for the past five years. I intend to only include contracts whose service delivery is related to PSH/RRH/Supportive Services/Street Outreach within the Riverside area. I am wondering just how exhaustive this list should be?</p>	<p>It is required for all bidders to provide a list detailing all contracts that your company has been awarded during the last five years, showing year, type of services, dollar amounts of services provided, location, contracting company contact name, and phone number.</p>
<p>9. Page 19, Section C, is this section for RRH component of the grant? We assume Section F is more for the shelter operational expenses. Please confirm.</p>	<p>The Cost Proposal & Budget Narrative outline all costs associated with the services/projects for which the agency is applying. If a particular section is not applicable, please leave it blank.</p>
<p>10. If our organization already has a HUD RRH grant, is it possible to apply for RRH under this grant? We heard during the meeting yesterday that we could use hotels as emergency shelter if a client is not ready for shelter program while we help them to move into permanent housing. As was stated yesterday by Ms. Primrose, many chronically homeless are not ready to go directly into RRH program.</p>	<p>Yes, your organization can apply for the Rapid Rehousing (RRH) project under the Pathway to Home Project, even if you already have a HUD RRH grant. This application will be separate from your currently funded programs. Additionally, as discussed in the meeting, using hotels as emergency shelter for clients who are not yet ready for a shelter program is permissible while you assist them in transitioning to permanent housing.</p>
<p>11. The RFP on the website is not in a fillable format. Could you please provide a document that is writable.</p>	<p>Interested bidders may edit the PDF using Adobe Acrobat or copy and paste the RFP into Microsoft Word to complete their proposals.</p>
<p>12. Tab D.2. What are the required insurances to implement an RRH/RA/SO program? Please provide a list so that we can ensure that we meet this criteria.</p>	<p>You can find more information on insurance requirements in the RFP COARC-0026 Terms & Conditions starting on page 11 of the sample agreement.</p>
<p>13. My agency is considering providing Street Outreach services, but we have not considered Service Coordination as a part of our proposed scope of services yet. Is it required to do both in order to check the box for Outreach and Coordination? Or can I just check the box and address/describe the Street Outreach services that will be provided and not include Service Coordination services in the description. If we were to provide the additional services, what is the fullest extent that service coordination services look like. Please provide specific examples.</p>	<p>To apply for Street Outreach services, please select "Outreach and Coordination" as the project type and complete the corresponding Scope of Services. If you wish to apply for additional activities, such as Service Coordination, a separate Scope of Services must be submitted.</p> <p>The Service Coordination activity supports the Pathway to Home Project by providing essential coordination services aimed at promoting housing stability within supportive housing. This component, in collaboration with the Continuum of Care (CoC), will serve as a point of contact within the system of care to ensure project</p>

	milestones are achieved and to prevent individuals from returning to homelessness. Agencies have the flexibility to design their project in their proposals.
14. Tab F.1. What should be the level of detail for the list of contracts. My agency has had plenty over the past five years, so please an ideal number of how many contracts should be listed.	It is required for all bidders to provide a list detailing all contracts that your company has been awarded during the last five years, showing year, type of services, dollar amounts of services provided, location, contracting company contact name, and phone number.