



Rapid ReHousing for Single Individuals (RRH-I)

Program Overview: Rapid ReHousing for Single Individuals (RRH-I) is one of the Homeless Services Program (HSP) programs that provide access to permanent housing, short-term subsidies and case management to eligible individuals in the District. RRH-I is a short-term subsidy program assisting low-income homeless individuals find affordable housing by providing short-term rental assistance to help participants pay rent in public and privately owned properties across the District. The Department of Human Services (DHS) uses Local District Funds to operate the RRH-I subsidy program.

For RRH-I, DHS pays the security deposit and 1st month's rental payment on behalf of the RRH-I program participant. For all additional rental payments, the household is responsible for paying 30% of their gross household income towards their rent and DHS pays the remaining portion. If the client has zero income, DHS will pay 100% until the client begins generating income. Financial assistance is provided for a maximum of up to twelve (12) months, unless a participant is granted a program extension.

Program Access: Entry into the RRH-I program begins at the Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement (CAHP) System. Prioritization includes:

- VI-SPDAT score of 0-7 and SPDAT score of 0-34
- Zero (0) to eighteen (18) months of documented homelessness
- Prioritization for individuals who request to be an active participant in the program, individuals with employment, individuals with fixed income that can support housing (ideally approximately \$600 of earnings a month), individuals with fixed income that are open to shared housing options, and individuals who may not have income but have the potential and desire to pursue opportunities for income growth.
- Individuals that have been identified by a shelter case manager, Project Reconnect or DHS to be a good candidate for RRH-I

Case Management: Each individual is assigned to a DHS Provider for case management services when they are enrolled in the RRH-I program. Case management services begin as soon as the individual is matched to a RRH-I Provider. Case management services include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying strengths and needs
- Developing service plan goals in partnership with the client
- Linkage to resources and supportive services
- Supporting positive social connectedness to people and communities
- Connection to housing
- Obtaining economic security supports to achieve identified goals

Intake: Includes assessment of barriers, strengths, determination of needs and development of client service plan

Unit/Room Search:

- Case Manager and participant actively search for affordable unit/room for rent
- Participant accepts unit/room and signs Unit Viewing/Submission Form
- Application for desired unit/room is submitted

Inspections: All RRH-I units must be viewed by participants, as well as inspected and pass the inspection process prior to lease signing. For RRH-I, units are directly inspected by the case management provider using HUD's Housing Habitability check-list. Using the Housing Habitability checklist allows for the inspection of bedrooms in shared housing which would not be allowable using The Housing Quality Standards (HQS). All units are recommended to stay within the DCHA Rent Reasonable Standards.

Lease Up: Once the unit passes inspection; lease up is scheduled. It is expected that the participant, Case Manager, and Landlord are present at lease signing. Participants should receive all pertinent keys and copy of lease at lease signing. DHS will pay security deposit and first month's rent.