



Seattle
Office of Housing

Request for Qualifications

Seattle Rescue Plan Permanent Supportive Housing Capacity Building and Services

SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Total funds available: \$1 million

Application Due Date: October 7, 2021 at 12:00 PM

City of Seattle
Jenny Durkan, Mayor

Office of Housing
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Overview

The City of Seattle Office of Housing (OH), in partnership with the federal government, has created a one-time services and capacity building fund for permanent supportive housing (PSH) providers (not including other affordable housing), who have faced numerous challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic continues to impact PSH providers through a combination of decreased fundraising revenue, decreased program income, increased expenses related to COVID-19 response and mitigation, and increased behavioral health and health care needs of tenants. These funds shall directly benefit these organizations, providing financial stability and additional services funding to benefit their tenants and employees.

These Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds¹ (CLFR) are administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury and aim to meet pandemic response needs by providing relief for households and nonprofits facing near- and long-term negative economic impacts as the country recovers. The funds must be used to respond to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts.

Eligible Uses and Funding Availability

For the purposes of this RFQ, eligible uses include:

1. Supporting the public health response
 - a. Services to address behavioral healthcare needs exacerbated by the pandemic including mental health and substance use treatment, other behavioral health services, crisis intervention, and services or outreach to promote access to health and social services.
 - b. Services that facilitate access to resources to improve health outcomes, including services that connect residents with health care resources and public assistance programs, including housing services to support healthy living environments and neighborhoods conducive to mental and physical wellness.
2. Responding to negative economic impacts
 - a. Mitigating financial hardship such as declines in revenues directly attributed to COVID-19, by supporting payroll and benefits costs, costs to retain employees, mortgage, rent, or utilities costs, and other operating costs.

Ineligible uses include payments to pension funds, reserves, or debt service.

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One-time grants will be awarded to each selected organization. OH expects to fund six organizations with awards based on the number of PSH apartments each organization is operating and/or developing.

The federal funding source requires that all funds be spent by December 31, 2024, though it is preferred that funds are fully spent by December 31, 2022.

Recipient Eligibility

Nonprofit (501c3) PSH providers operating and/or developing at least 100 city-funded PSH apartments in the City of Seattle are eligible to apply.

¹ <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-17/pdf/2021-10283.pdf>

For the purposes of this RFQ, eligible PSH providers include:

- DESC
- Plymouth Housing
- Catholic Community Services / Catholic Housing Services
- Low Income Housing Institute
- Compass Housing Alliance
- Chief Seattle Club

Affordable housing providers are not eligible under this RFQ and are eligible for a separate funding opportunity. Organizations must use funding in alignment with the two eligible uses of CLFR funds described above.

This RFQ seeks PSH providers that will utilize funds to maintain or improve housing stability outcomes for tenants and achieve equitable outcomes for tenants and staff.

Funds will be awarded to nonprofit PSH providers with an established track record of serving communities that:

1. Have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19; and,
2. Have a disproportionate need for capacity and services support due to COVID-19.

Organizations awarded funds will adhere to Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Organizations will maintain appropriate records and cost documentation and will promptly submit copies of documentation upon request of federal and local officials.

All funds must be spent in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal program rules and regulations.

Timeline

Proposals must be received by the Office of Housing, by October 7, 2021 by 12:00 PM.

Please email your application to Kelli Larsen: Kelli.Larsen@seattle.gov

Seattle Rescue Plan PSH Capacity Building and Services RFQ Timeline	
Funding opportunity released	September 16, 2021
Question period	Ends October 7, 2021
Application deadline	October 7, 2021 by 12:00 PM
Notification (planned)	October 29, 2021
Estimated Contract Start Date	November 2021

Information Session

Please join Office of Housing staff for this Webex information session, details below:

September 22, 2021
2:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Microsoft Teams meeting
[Click here to join the meeting](#)