



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION **Health and Housing Pilot**

Posting Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Response Submission Deadline: 3:00 EST p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024

INTRODUCTION

In March 2024, the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) released a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for a pilot to support programs created in partnership between RIHousing-financed developments and healthcare organizations to co-locate or care coordinate with healthcare services to assist residents with healthcare needs. As we consider issuing another RFP round to support this pilot, we would like to gather feedback on how the next RFP could potentially be strengthened or adjusted to better meet the healthcare needs of residents living in RIHousing-financed developments.

Through this Request for Information (“RFI”) RIHousing seeks external responses and information on program design, interest, and general feedback from a range of respondents, including but not limited to, healthcare organizations, affordable housing developers, and property managers.

INSTRUCTIONS

Responses are to be submitted via email to: **Stacy Wasserman, Innovation Program Manager at swasserman@rihousing.com** no later than the submission deadline set forth above.

All questions regarding this RFI must be made in writing and submitted via email to Stacy Wasserman at swasserman@rihousing.com prior to the submission deadline.

NOTE TO RESPONDENTS:

Please be advised that **all** responses may be made available to the public on request pursuant to the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act, Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Rhode Island General Laws (the “APRA”) upon award of a contract(s). Respondents are advised not to include information that they deem proprietary or confidential or that constitutes a trade secret.

With your response, please provide a description of the organization you represent. Please also include the name, business telephone number and email of a representative of your organization authorized to discuss your response.



RFP/RFQ Title: _____
Respondent Name: _____

Background:

In March 2024, RIHousing released a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for a pilot that supported programs created in partnership between RIHousing-financed developments and healthcare organizations to 1) co-locate healthcare services at the housing development to assist residents with specific needs or to 2) care coordinate with healthcare services to assist residents with healthcare needs.

Prior to responding to this RFI, we ask that respondents read the original RFP, which can be found [here](#).

We received six (6) responses to this RFP and awarded funding to one (1) project. In considering whether to release a second RFP for this pilot, we want to gather feedback to understand why additional organizations did not apply, if there were aspects of the RFP that could be improved upon or changed, and generally to determine that there is sufficient demand for this use of funds.

Any future RFP will still require the housing partner to be an RIHousing-financed entity. We understand there may have been confusion around what qualifies a development as RIHousing-financed. Any future RFPs would provide additional clarity on how RIHousing-financed is defined and how potential applicants can determine if a specific development is eligible.

Please note that this RFI is for our informational purposes only. The information contained in responses will be used for planning purposes and as such, your submission will not be considered a response to the March 2024 RFP nor to a future RFP.

Request for Information

Below are prompted questions that RIHousing seeks specific feedback on; however, feedback on topics or ideas not specifically requested is welcome.

1. In recent years, health and housing partnerships have been expanding across the nation. Communities are growing their efforts to improve health, build equity, ensure access to the social determinants of health, address the affordable housing crisis, and expand thriving communities¹. RIHousing created this pilot to increase opportunities for healthcare entities to partner with housing developers, owners, and property managers to integrate healthcare services into RIHousing-financed developments. What are some specific examples of healthcare services that could be impactful to co-locate or care coordinate within affordable housing developments?
2. Are there certain subpopulations of people living within RIHousing-financed developments that could be impactful to focus some of this pilot’s resources on?

¹ [Health and Housing Efforts to Reducing Health Disparities and Build Towards Systems Integration - CSH](#)



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3. If you were eligible to receive funding under the initial RFP, but intentionally chose not to apply, could you share why?
4. If you were eligible to receive funding under the initial RFP and chose to apply, could you share your feedback about the application process?
5. If an RFP with this same general use is released again, and you would be an eligible applicant, would you apply? Why or why not?
6. Did you feel the RFP was clear in explaining the intention of this pilot and what types of programs would be eligible for funding? If not, in what areas would additional clarification be useful?
7. How much time would you need to secure the healthcare and housing partnership that is required?
8. This pilot intentionally seeks to co-locate or care coordinate a new healthcare service at an affordable housing development, or to build upon and expand an existing service. Are there other models, outside of co-location or providing care coordination, that should be considered?
9. If you are a housing partner, please share some examples of strong healthcare agencies that you think we should outreach to about this opportunity. If you are a healthcare partner, please share some examples of strong housing agencies that you think we should outreach to about this opportunity.
10. Please share any other suggested networks we should consider engaging with to further our outreach about this pilot opportunity.
11. Is there other feedback you would like to share?