

RIHousing Health and Housing Pilot Funding Questions and Answers

March 11, 2024

Q: I had a question concerning the available funds to be dispersed per pilot site. Would the \$500,000 be available in one lump sum per site or would the \$500,000 be divided by 3?

A: \$500,000 total is available in funding for this program. The anticipated maximum award per pilot site is \$150,000, to be split over three years.

March 14, 2024

Q: I noticed that the proposal process includes a submission with a partner RIHousing financed development owners or property managers. Is there a list that can be shared of these groupings that we could reach out to and explore their interest in partnering with Newport Hospital?

A: RIHousing's Policy Map tool can be used to identify RIHousing financed developments across the state. The tool can be found on: <https://www.rihousing.com/policy-map/>. Click on the "New Map" button and scroll down to RIHousing Program Data and choose Affordable Housing. All affordable housing throughout the state should pop up, color coded by those that are and are not RIHousing financed. Once you have identified the desired properties, if you have trouble reaching out to a site, please contact Hope Lanphear, Assistant Director, Leased Housing & Rental Services at 401-429-1409.

April 4, 2024

Q: We intend to utilize our new mobile medical van to provide regular visits to an HOC site to serve their residents, but we are not sure how to define that under the colocation or care coordination models described in the RFP.

Can you give us some guidance on that point? The providers would be caring for residents in the medical unit when it is onsite, but could also offer "home visits" at those times in their apartments if mobility is an issue, or use the community space on site as needed in poor weather.

Would this be care coordination since there will not be a permanent space within the facility?

A: When determining if a program falls under the co-location or care coordination model, we recommend focusing on the type of services to be provided to make that determination. The expectation is that services will be provided on site at the housing development, regardless of the program model.

Q: The Providence Housing Authority (PHA) would like to submit an application to RI Housing's Health and Housing Pilot Funding opportunity. In the RFP, eligible applicants are defined as RIHousing financed development owners. PHA has received RIHousing financing for our Manton Pathway at the Manton Heights public housing development. Would this financing make the PHA an eligible applicant for this grant opportunity? Thank you for any guidance you can provide.

A: No, this this type of funding (through the Acquisition and Revitalization Program) would not make PHA eligible for this grant opportunity. The intent of the program is to fund RIHousing financed developments which means affordable multifamily developments that have received financing through RIHousing for development or preservation, or affordable multifamily developments with rental assistance contracts administered through the agency.

Q: PHA has also been awarded a RIH pre-development program grant for our Dexter Manor public housing development and we wondered if RIH funding for that development would make PHA eligible to apply for a program at Dexter Manor. Thank you for any guidance you can provide.

A: A pre-development award alone does not make a development eligible for this pilot. The intention is to fund housing developments that RIHousing has funded for development or preservation, or that have a rental assistance contract with the agency. Pre-development awards support soft costs to evaluate and support the redevelopment/repositioning of the property, but they do not directly fund the construction/rehabilitation of a property.

Q: Just wondering if RIHousing is looking to only fund partnerships?

A: The intention of this program is to support programs created in partnership between RIHousing financed developments and healthcare organizations to provide

healthcare services within the development to assist residents with healthcare needs. Applicants must submit a fully executed written agreement demonstrating the formal partnership between the housing development and healthcare entity.