

Q&A for Webinar on 1/15/2026: Rental Housing Support Program (RHSP)

Re-Entry Local Administering Agency (LAA) Application

Administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA)

Please note:

1. The January 15th webinar presentation is posted online on the Program application's informational webpage at: <https://www.ihda.org/rental-housing-main/rhsrp/#rhs-re-entry-rfp>
 2. Questions can also be emailed to RHSP@ihda.org.
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- 1. Is this a second round of the pilot RHSP Re-Entry program?**
 - a. Yes. However, the program now requires applicants (i.e., LAA's) to ensure tenants receive case management and access to supportive services (either directly through their organization or partners). Organizations that specialize in providing supportive services are encouraged to apply.
- 2. What is considered 10 units [the minimum number of units requested in the application], a tenant property or 10 beds?**
 - a. Units are intended for a single household occupancy and are not intended to be shared by program participants. Because the subsidy is unit-based, all unit residents' incomes would apply towards income limit determinations. The program can subsidize multi-family properties as well as single-family homes; a unit is defined as a single-family dwelling or one unit within a multifamily dwelling. IHDA is expecting to subsidize SRO's, studios, 1-bedrooms and a smaller sampling of 2- and 3-bedrooms. We can authorize larger units in the event that 1-bedroom units are not widely available in the applicant's local service area. Note, transitional or temporary housing is not eligible.
- 3. Could units in mixed-used buildings be eligible?**
 - a. Yes.
- 4. Can one application cover different/scattered sites?**
 - a. Yes.

- 5. Please clarify: is this RFP for the landlords who have available units to house, or for administrators to manage?**
 - a. This RFP is for the administrator; once you receive the award, you will build an inventory of units that are then rented to tenants in your service area. You are applying for the grant administration and are contacting the landlords for their units.
- 6. Is being an administrator like project management?**
 - a. As a LAA, you are establishing your own program; you first will find units that you'll use as part of your inventory. You'll get referrals from IDOC. IHDA's main role is to pay your subsidy and ensure program compliance. LAA's must ensure tenants receive case management and access to supportive services (either directly through their organization or through partners), and that units are furnished and have basic supplies.
- 7. Can you clarify on the need for separation between the administrator and the landlord? If we are a nonprofit who provide both case management services and subsidized housing, is it possible for us to fill both roles as administrator and landlord, or is that not allowed?**
 - a. Units owned by the LAA are permitted; LAA's may select landlords that are an entity that is a fully or partially owned subsidiary of the LAA if the LAA provides for an independent third party able to perform monitoring functions, such as property inspections and funding reconciliations.
- 8. Where in Illinois is this RFP available?**
 - a. This RFP is for any part of the state other than Cook and Lake Counties and the City of Chicago. However, applicants can receive more points under the RFP if their service area includes certain counties. See page 2 of the Scoring Guide that can be found within the Jotform application.
- 9. Can organizations in Cook County apply?**
 - a. The organization can be located within Cook and Lake Counties, and/or Chicago, but still be eligible if the units the award would be servicing are located (in Illinois) outside of those areas.
- 10. Are there any counties where you are really in need?**
 - a. This pilot is open to all Illinois counties outside of Cook, Lake and outside the City of Chicago. However, applicants can receive more points under the RFP if their service area includes certain counties. See page 2 of the Scoring Guide that can be found within the Jotform application. Counties where more points are awarded were identified as areas of higher need.

11. What amount is for administrative costs?

- a. When you go through the application process, part of that includes submitting your sample portfolio of units. IHDA will approve the award for what you requested, or increase or decrease the award amount after reviewing your proposal.
- b. The administrative costs are paid at 10% for a grant award request of \$1.5 million or less , or 7% for over \$1.5 million. The award covers a three-year period.

12. Can you please clarify the 10% Administrative Expenses section of the RFP - do we submit \$500k or does the 10% come out of the \$500k?

- a. You would add the 10% (for \$500,000 and under per year for 3 years) or 7% cost (for over \$500,000 per year for 3 years) on top of the \$500,000 to make your final award request.
- b. Note, there is a 10 unit minimum, but no minimum for the award amount request.

13. Can funding cover utilities?

- a. Funding would only cover utilities if they are included as part of the rent.

14. How does the award work with existing rental subsidies?

- a. RHSP funds cannot be paired directly with subsidy payments for the same unit, but eligible units could be within a building that also has subsidized housing.

15. If the tenant leaves and is no longer in that unit, are you still paid for that rent or does the funding stop?

- a. The rent payment would stop from the date the unit is confirmed as vacant. You would then reach out to your contact with the IDOC for another referral. The time to receive new referrals may vary.

16. Would existing IDOC referrals be eligible, or is this for specific referrals?

- a. This assistance is required to only be used for individuals referred by IDOC for the purpose of this program. Someone previously referred to you in partnership under a different program would not be eligible for placement without coordination from IDOC as a new placement.

17. If you already have units, is there a separate RFP from the IDOC for that?

- a. There is not a separate RFP from IDOC. If you already have units, you would be eligible for the award and could add those units to your inventory.

18. In our area, there is a program that houses people in re-entry who are coming back into society. Is it possible for a facility like that to take advantage of this program?

- a. More details are needed to make a determination. However, the program is designed for IDOC to make direct referrals to the LAA's who work to find available rental units.

19. Will there be a sample application provided on the website, or is the application thorough and straightforward?

- a. The application is submitted through [Jotform](#). There is an Application Guide and Scoring Guide available to assist. You are still welcome to email questions to RHSP@ihda.org.