



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): Recovery Housing for Pregnant Women & Women with Children**

Pre-Proposal Conference Held: February 6, 2026, | 1:00 p.m.

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## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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### **Question 1**

Do we have to be nonprofits to participate in this project?

**Answer:** No, you do not need to be a nonprofit. Please refer to the eligibility criteria.

### **Applicant Eligibility**

Applicants must meet all of the criteria outlined below to be considered eligible to be selected through this RFP process.

- The recovery residence must be in Baltimore City and have the required occupancy permits.

### **Question 2**

Do we have to be MCORR certified to be eligible for this grant?

**Answer:** Yes. Please refer to the RFP Scope of Service.

*The selected applicant will be required to have current certification for all recovery residences or obtain certification with Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences (MCORR) within the first 90 days of award notification.*

### **Question 3**

Can the vendor provide housing and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services?

**Answer:** The selected provider can be licensed to provide SUD treatment; however, the Recovery Residence must be in a separate location. This procurement is for Recovery Housing for pregnant women and women with children in early recovery.



**Question 4**

Is the vendor able to offer mental health treatment if it is determined to be necessary?

**Answer:** The selected applicant may offer any service. However, for this project, the applicant will be reimbursed only for services rendered that fall within the project’s defined scope of work. In addition, all services offered and provided must be clinically appropriate and person-centered, honoring consumer choice.

**Question 5**

Can the vendor provide Medicaid-reimbursable services—such as PRP—to the children?

**Answer:** The selected provider can offer reimbursable services if they are an approved provider; services are clinically appropriate, client centered, and the mother chooses to have their dependent child enrolled in the organization's services.

**Question 6**

I have housing that is specifically designated for this project, and I am currently in the process of completing the MCORR application. Based on your experience and typical timelines, do you think I will be able to obtain the MCORR certification?

**Answer:** Please refer to the RFP Scope of Service.  
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**Question 7**

Since you are only accepting 1 provider, in the future do you expect another RFP for more providers to apply?

**Answer:** BHSB is unable to answer this at this time.

**Question 8**

Are program participants identified by BHSB or Marion House or by the Housing provider?

**Answer:** Participation in the RHPWWC program is voluntary and open to all women with children who are in the early stages of recovery from an opioid or other substance use disorder. Referrals to RHPWWC can be made by:

1. Self-referral
2. Medical provider



3. Mental health provider
4. Medication Assisted Treatment provider
5. Shelters
6. Department of Social Services
7. Maryland courts
8. Any agency actively working with the person being referred for services

Referrals for RHPWWC are received and reviewed by the Recovery Housing Coordinator (RHC). The RHC will contact the family to complete an eligibility screening. If the family meets the minimum requirements for RHPWWC, the coordinator will contact the housing provider to confirm bed availability. If no beds are available, the family is placed on a waiting list. Families on the waitlist are notified immediately after space becomes available.

Once availability is confirmed, the family is referred to the housing provider for intake and placement.

The Recovery Coordinator will screen each participant to ensure that they are eligible and meet the criteria to enter the program.

### **Question 9**

After submission. And after your review. Will the applicant have an opportunity to make any corrections needed?

**Answer:** Please refer to the RFP’s Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location  
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*BHSB uses Survey Monkey Apply (SM Apply) to manage applications. All proposals must be submitted through this system. Applicants must register with the system ahead of time and submit narrative and supporting documents directly through the system. You are able to save your application and continue working on it before submitting it. BHSB encourages all applicants to test this system well in advance of submitting proposals.*

*Applicants can access SM Apply here: <https://bhsb.smapply.org/>*

*All proposals must be received no later than **5:00 pm ET on March 3, 2026**. All submitted proposals become the property of BHSB. If you are having technical troubles related to submitting your proposal, contact BHSB before the due date/time at [Procurements@BHSBaltimore.org](mailto:Procurements@BHSBaltimore.org).*

***Proposals submitted after the due date/time cannot be considered.***

### **Question 10**



Is Marian House staff doing the screening for eligible patients? Or will the vendor screen the potential participants?

**Answer: Please refer to the RFP Scope of Service**

*The selected applicant will operate a recovery residence that ensures a safe, stable, and supportive environment for women in recovery who have children. The provider must implement a screening process that prioritizes safety, family preservation, and support for ongoing recovery.*

### **Question 11**

We are currently licensed as residential treatment and can submit that license. If awarded, would we need to get another facility licensed?

**Answer:** Please refer to the RFP Scope of Services & Applicant Eligibility  
*The selected applicant will be required to have current certification for all recovery residences or obtain certification with Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences (MCORR) within the first 90 days of award notification.*

*In order to obtain this certification, the selected applicant will need to comply the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) standards for recovery housing Level III certification [NARR Standard V.3.0 release](#).*

### **Applicant Eligibility**

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### **Question 12**

Can non-program participants be housed alongside program participants?

**Answer:** Yes, however, the project will only provide payment for individuals who meet the eligibility criteria to participate.

### **Question 13**

Is there a collaborative agreement with assigned staff in relation to this project?

**Answer:**

### **Question 14**

The expected number of participants is 'up to 8' - will there be any concerns if the numbers are lower than that? What if the numbers exceed that? Is the funding capped at 8?

**Answer:** When we say "8," we are referring to eight families, not eight individuals. A family unit includes the mother and all of her accompanying



children. For example, a mother with three children counts as one family unit. That is what we mean by being able to house eight families at a time. If your numbers fall below eight families, that is not a concern. In those situations, BHSB and additional partners can work with you to provide support, identify challenges, and offer technical assistance to help increase your numbers if needed.

If the number of families exceeds eight, the funding itself is capped at eight family units. In practice, programs rarely exceed that capacity because participants typically stay for about a year, so turnover is low. However, if you ever find yourself in a situation where the number goes beyond eight, that would be something we would need to discuss further.

**Question 15**

Will there be any penalty for turning away a prospective client if there is no capacity?

**Answer:** No, there will be no penalty; however, the selected applicant will be required to collaborate with Marion House to identify appropriate services for the prospective client and document all resources provided

**Question 16**

Is there a limit on the number of children with each mother?

**Answer:** No, please refer to the RFP Scope of Service  
*The selected applicant will operate a recovery residence that ensures a safe, stable, and supportive environment for women in recovery who have children. The provider must implement a screening process that prioritizes safety, family preservation, and support for ongoing recovery.*

*The program will serve up to eight families annually, offering appropriate accommodations based on the age of each child and applicable room-sharing restrictions.*

**Question 17**

The RFP states that we must be able to house eight families at the same time. I need clarification on this, because my property may not be large enough to meet that requirement.

**Answer:** As long as your two homes together can accommodate the required number of families simultaneously, you meet the requirements.

**Question 18**



Since the family is considered one unit—the mother and any accompanying children—does the daily rate apply per family unit? In other words, is the rate the same regardless of whether the mother has one child or three?

**Answer:** The rate is the same for families where mothers with young children reside in the same room as Mom. However, families with dependent children that require a separate adjacent room to Mom due to age appropriateness are eligible for an additional daily rate per room.

### **End of Questions and Answers**