

## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): Young Adult Recovery Housing RFP**

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## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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### **Question 1**

Do programs need to have at least two years of MCORR certified to be eligible?

**Answer:** No. If a selected applicant does not operate a residence that is certified by the Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences (MCORR), they must submit an MCORR application through the Behavioral Health Administration portal no later than 30 calendar days after receiving a Letter of Award from BHSB.

### **Question 2**

Can you still bill Medicaid if you have MCORR status with BHA?

**Answer:** The selected applicant(s) must ensure that all services eligible for Medicaid reimbursement are billed through Medicaid, and grant funds are used solely for services that are not reimbursable by Maryland Medicaid.

### **Question 3**

Are residential 3.5 facilities eligible?

**Answer:** No. Selected applicants must have licensure in Maryland for a minimum of 2 years to provide one or more community-based substance use levels of care in accordance with COMAR 10.63.02

### **Question 4**

How long can a participant reside in the grant-funded bed?

**Answer:** The average length of stay is expected to range from three to six months; however, stays may be extended, as appropriate, for up to one year based on the individual consumer's needs.



**Question 5**

Are you just looking for recovery housing?

**Answer:** Yes. Selected applicant(s) must have a licensure in Maryland for a minimum of 2 years to provide one or more community-based substance use levels of care in accordance with COMAR 10.63.02.

**Question 6**

Is there a treatment requirement for consumers to receive services?

No. Enrollment in selected applicant(s) must provide comprehensive, recovery-oriented, supportive services to all young adults for the duration of their stay. Services shall be person-centered and strengths-based and designed to promote long-term recovery and stability. Participation in mental health/substance use treatment is not a condition of program enrollment; however, the selected applicant(s) are expected to facilitate screening and linkage to appropriate treatment services based on individual consumer needs.

**Question 7**

May grant funds be used to support peer support staffing?

**Answer:**

No. Grant funds may not be used to support peer support staffing. However, BHSB will collaborate with selected applicant(s) to identify available resources for peer support services, including no-cost options and, where applicable, Medicaid-billable peer support services.

**Question 8**

Can the young adults be housed with other populations?

**Answer:** No. The project will serve one residence for male consumers and one residence for female consumers, with each residence accommodating up to eight (8) individuals.

**Question 9**

If a vendor operates multiple recovery homes, is it required that one home be designated exclusively for young adults.

**Answer:** Yes

**Question 10**

May young adult participants be integrated into existing recovery homes with other individuals in early recovery?

**Answer:** No



**Question 11**

Is MCORR status needed before submission of a proposal in response to this RFP, or can it be obtained after submission?

**Answer:** No. If the selected applicant(s) do not have MCORR-certified housing, they must submit an MCORR application through BHA's portal no later than 30 calendar days after receiving a Letter of Award from BHSB.

**Question 12**

What if the residence is approved for only 5 residents by the city? Is that an allowable recovery residence for the application?

**Answer:** The residence must be approved to serve 8 residents.

**Question 13**

The city requires a sprinkler system for eight residents. Could we use grant funds to upgrade to add a fire sprinkler?

**Answer:**

No. Funding cannot be used to fund construction or renovation/remodeling projects.

**Question 14**

Can applicants apply to operate one residence (8 beds for either males or females) or both residences (two houses, 16 total beds), with about \$200,000 in funding per residence?

**Answer:** Yes. This project will fund two recovery housing residences located in Baltimore City serving a total of sixteen (16) young adults. One residence will serve male consumers and one residence will serve female consumers, with each residence providing up to eight (8) beds.

The funding availability for this RFP is \$212,908 per recovery residence for the contract period from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

**Question 15**

Can you confirm whether the proposed residences are expected to meet MCORR Level 2 or Level 3 housing standards?

**Answer:** Level 2. MCORR Level 2 recovery residences are alcohol- and illicit drug-free housing environments that provide structured, monitored support for individuals with substance-related or co-occurring mental health and substance-related disorders. Please refer to the following link for additional information regarding housing level standards. [Standards | National Alliance for Recovery Residences](#)

## End of Questions and Answers