

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): Recovery Supportive Housing Project

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Question?

Will there be a steady flow of participants needing supportive housing through Drug Treatment Court?

Answer: Not necessarily. While Drug Treatment Court may serve approximately 40 participants in Circuit Court and 35 participants in District Court, not all participants are experiencing homelessness or require recovery supportive housing.

At any given time, some participants may be transitioning out of residential treatment programs or other structured recovery settings. Although they may have housing available to them, their living environments may not be conducive to maintaining recovery. In these cases, participants may choose to enter recovery supportive housing as a temporary step while they work toward greater stability and independence.

As a result, referrals to recovery supportive housing are unlikely to be constant or predictable. There may be periods when several participants need housing support, followed by extended periods with few or no referrals. The need will vary based on individual circumstances and where participants are in their recovery journey.

The primary purpose of this resource is to serve as a supportive option that helps participants maintain recovery, successfully complete Drug Treatment Court, and build a foundation for long-term stability.

Question?



If a resident has stepped down from a higher level of substance use treatment (for example, ASAM Level 3.5 residential treatment) and is now participating in outpatient services while receiving housing through this program, can they continue to receive additional support and services through their substance use treatment provider?

Answer: Yes. The housing component is designed to operate independently of any specific substance use treatment program. Residents may continue to participate in treatment services as needed, but eligibility for housing is not dependent on enrollment in a particular treatment provider or program.

For example, an individual may transition from a higher level of care, such as ASAM Level 3.5 residential treatment, to a lower level of care, such as Level 3.1 or Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP). Some participants may eventually complete formal treatment altogether but still require stable housing while remaining under court supervision, probation oversight, or regular judicial reviews.

The intent is for housing to serve as a recovery-supportive resource that helps individuals maintain stability and continue their progress, regardless of where they are in the treatment continuum. Housing assistance and treatment services should be viewed as separate supports that can complement one another, rather than one being contingent upon the other.

Question

How will coordination occur when a resident receiving housing through this program is also engaged in substance use treatment services with another provider?

Answer: Coordination will be a collaborative effort involving the entire Drug Treatment Court team. Housing providers will be expected to work in partnership with all members of the multidisciplinary team to support participants effectively.

This coordination may include communication with the participant's treatment provider, as well as with the Drug Treatment Court clinical coordinators, who play a key role in managing and coordinating services. The clinical coordinators assist with service planning, transportation, referrals, and other support needed to help participants succeed.

Several clinical coordinators are assigned to the program and work closely together, regardless of their employing agency. Because Drug Treatment Court operates as a multidisciplinary team, information is shared and coordinated across team members to



ensure a unified approach to participant care. Housing providers will be included in these communications as appropriate and can expect support from the clinical coordinators in facilitating coordination with treatment providers and other service partners.

Question

If an organization is serving Drug Treatment Court participants as a housing provider, but is not providing treatment services, will the housing provider be invited to Drug Treatment Court meetings to discuss the participant's housing needs, progress, and any related concerns? Specifically, how will housing providers be involved in case staffing and multidisciplinary team discussions when they are not acting as the participant's treatment provider?

Answer: Yes. As a housing provider supporting a Drug Treatment Court participant, you would be considered an important member of the participant's wraparound support team. Recovery supportive housing is intended to work in conjunction with Drug Treatment Court and is a key component of a participant's overall recovery and stability plan.

Because housing can have a significant impact on a participant's progress, behavior, and recovery outcomes, housing providers should be included in relevant team discussions and meetings. This involvement allows housing providers to share observations, communicate concerns, and provide updates on the participant's housing stability and engagement, as appropriate.

The goal is to ensure all members of the multidisciplinary team are working together, sharing information, and coordinating services to support the participant's success in Drug Treatment Court and long-term recovery.

Question

For the required monthly housing progress reports submitted to Drug Treatment Court, will the selected housing provider be responsible for creating and using its own reporting format, or will BHSB provide a standardized form or template for providers to complete and submit? Additionally, what reporting requirements and timelines will housing providers be expected to follow?



Answer: For Drug Treatment Court-related updates, housing providers should coordinate directly with Drug Treatment Court staff, including the clinical coordinators and court case managers. Any participant-specific information, status updates, or reports requested by the court will be managed through those established Drug Treatment Court channels.

For programmatic and funding-related reporting, BHSB will provide access to its reporting platform for the selected provider. Through that system, providers will submit required program reports, which may include information such as:

- Number of individuals served during the reporting period
- Number of referrals received
- Number of referrals accepted or denied
- Other contract deliverables and performance metrics

With respect to housing progress reports for Drug Treatment Court participants, providers may generally use their own reporting templates and documentation formats, particularly if they already have established reporting tools as part of their existing programs. Providers should work with Drug Treatment Court staff to ensure any reports submitted to the court meet the court's expectations and information requirements.

In summary, BHSB reporting will be completed through the BHSB reporting platform, while participant-specific reporting for Drug Treatment Court will be coordinated directly with Drug Treatment Court staff, clinical coordinators, and case managers.

Question

The solicitation references serving approximately 16 individuals during FY27, but referrals may be sporadic rather than consistent throughout the year. If referrals are lower than anticipated and the selected provider is unable to fully utilize the allocated funding as a result, will there be any penalty or adverse impact on the provider? In other words, will providers be expected to deliver services based on the number of referrals received, even if that leads to lower-than-expected utilization of the grant funds due to factors outside the provider's control?

Answer: There is no consequence for the provider; you can only serve residents who are referred.

Question



If a participant is already engaged in treatment services, actively involved in Drug Treatment Court, and benefiting from recovery housing, is there a process for requesting that their housing costs be funded through this initiative rather than limiting support only to new referrals?

Answer: Yes. Individuals who are actively participating in Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court and have an identified need for recovery housing may be eligible for housing support through this initiative, even if they are already engaged in treatment services with your organization.

For example, if a participant is currently receiving treatment through your program and residing in your recovery housing without dedicated housing funding, there may be an opportunity to transition that individual into the housing component supported by these funds. The key consideration is that the individual is actively involved in Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court and has a demonstrated housing need that supports their recovery and successful participation in the program.

The intent of this funding is to help ensure that participants have access to stable, recovery-supportive housing when it is needed, regardless of whether they are a new referral or are already receiving services through an existing provider relationship.

Question

Can participants continue to access resources from multiple programs simultaneously, and how would overlap services impact participation in this housing initiative?

Answer: The goal is to avoid duplicating services that participants are already receiving through Drug Treatment Court and its network of providers. Individuals involved in Drug Treatment Court are typically supported by multiple professionals and systems, including the judge, clinical coordinators, treatment providers, peer recovery specialists, parole and probation officers, and case managers. As a result, participants are already subject to a significant level of oversight, accountability, and service coordination.

Because these supports are already in place, housing providers are not expected to replicate existing services. Instead, the focus should be on complementing and enhancing the participant's recovery support network. The multidisciplinary team will work together to ensure services are coordinated appropriately and that participants are not being asked to engage in unnecessary or redundant programming.



That said, if a housing provider offers additional services that address unmet needs, such as mental health services or other specialized supports, those services may be valuable and can be incorporated into the participant's overall care plan as appropriate. The emphasis is on collaboration, coordination, and filling service gaps rather than duplicating services that are already being provided through Drug Treatment Court or other partner agencies.

Question

Would it be preferable to maintain a separate recovery housing unit or designated housing capacity specifically for participants referred through this program, rather than integrating them into my existing treatment or residential programs? In other words, am I interpreting the solicitation correctly that the housing component should function independently from other levels of care that my organization may provide?

Answer: The housing should not be your residential treatment program. It should be a house for recovery only.

Question

Does my organization need to be certified MCORR?

Answer: Yes, that is a requirement.

Question

How do I become MCORR certified?

Answer: MCORR (Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences) is Maryland's certification program for recovery residences and is administered by the Maryland Department of Health's Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). Recovery residences must obtain MCORR certification to be recognized as a certified recovery residence and to participate in certain state-funded recovery housing programs.

Maryland's MCORR program is based on the standards established by the **National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR)**, ensuring that certified residences meet nationally recognized best practices for recovery housing



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Question

Can we access the new procurement system on BHSB's website under the funding opportunities?

Answer: Yes.

End of Questions and Answers