

RAPID RE-HOUSING ASSISTANCE

What are rapid re-housing services?

The overall goal of Rapid Re-Housing is to house clients experiencing homelessness. Assistance could be available in the form of rent assistance, rent arrears, housing search and placement, housing stabilization services, mediation, and credit repairs. Case management is also available.

Who is eligible for services?

In order to qualify for assistance, one must:

- Be literally homeless (living in a shelter or a place not meant for human habitation), or
- Be literally homeless prior to entering an institution (where they resided for 90 days or less) and are exiting the institution with no resources or anywhere to go; AND
- Have no other resources

Financial assistance is limited to 24 months within any three-year period. Income eligibility to receive financial assistance must be recertified every three months, but income eligibility is not required when households first access services. Clients are required to have a valid lease in his/her name.

Where can I find it in my community?

In the Western Virginia Continuum of Care (CoC), AIDS Response Effort, The Laurel Center, Choices, First Step, and Mercy House can provide rapid re-housing assistance. It is very important to note that

agencies might not always have funds available, so it is important to pursue multiple resources.



Please contact Centralized Housing Intake for further information at (540) 271-1701, not the agencies directly.

How is it funded?

Rapid re-housing funds come from the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program grant of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The Western Virginia CoC applies for these funds and the amounts awarded may differ from grant year to grant year.

All assistance is needs-based and will vary on a service provider's assessment of the minimum resources required to sustain housing stability in the short term. Clients may be required to share in the costs of rent or other housing costs with their own funds.