Housing
Request for Information (RFI)

Brief Description:

In the continued pursuit to expand and improve safe, affordable, and appropriate housing for Oklahomans experiencing mental health conditions and/or substance abuse disorders, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) seeks information for sustainable supportive housing models.

Response Date:

Monday, May 2, 2022

Cover Letter:

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Supportive housing is highly effective strategy combining affordable housing with intensive coordinated services to help individuals and families struggling with chronic mental health and substance abuse issues to obtain and maintain stable housing and receive access to appropriate supports. For information on some of these supports, visit our webpage: https://oklahoma.gov/odmhsas/recovery/housing.html

Through a recent environmental scan and housing surveys, the gaps in the array of housing for those we serve are in the following areas:

- Supervised transitional living programs
- Supported transitional living programs
- Level III (OKARR certified) recovery residences
- Rural housing- supervised, supported, permanent supported housing, and recovery residences
- Recovery housing (OKARR certified) for transition age youth, married couples, and families with children and/or on reunification plans.

- Dual diagnosed housing for those with mental health conditions and ID/DD.
- Recovery housing (OKARR certified) for pregnant and post-partum women.
- Individuals transitioning from higher levels of care

This request for information is not limited to these targeted populations but information in these areas are of priority interest.

We encourage our partners from faith-based organizations, non-profits, and other community-based organizations to submit information on *dynamic, innovative housing programs with coordinated system of housing supports* to optimize self-sufficiency and meet the specialized needs of those we serve at risk and experiencing homelessness.

Request for Information

A. Purpose. ODMHSAS is seeking information to support the expansion and improvement of safe, affordable, and appropriate housing for Oklahomans experiencing mental health conditions and/or substance abuse disorders.

B. This is a Request for Information (RFI) Only. This RFI is being issued solely for information and planning purposes; **it does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to issue an RFP in the future.** This RFI does not commit the State of Oklahoma or ODMHSAS to contract for any service whatsoever. Further, the State of Oklahoma and ODMHSAS are not at this time seeking proposals and will not accept unsolicited proposals. The State of Oklahoma is unable to fund any unbudgeted liability. Responders are advised that the State of Oklahoma and ODMHSAS will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI; all costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the responders' expense.

C. Deadline. This request for information will end on **5/2/2022.** Clarification questions will only be accepted until **4/22/2022.** Questions should be forwarded to **Stephanie Packebush** with subject line **Housing RFI Questions.**

D. Description. Submissions should be formatted with 12-point Times New Roman and doubled spaced. On the top of your submittal please include Agency Name; Agency Address; Contact Person; Contact Phone # and Contact Email. The total length of information submitted should be no greater than 10 pages. Information should minimally include:

1. Describe your agency's interest in providing housing, in which counties your housing will be located, and what target populations will be served.

2. Provide a description of your agency's organizational capacity and timeline to launch the housing program.

3. List the evidence-based models of support services you would provide or connect residents to for supports. Do you have staff members who are housing plus endorsed?

4. What type of housing are you proposing? How many do you propose to serve at a time? Be specific in type of housing to include what housing modality and what housing place. (Example: We are proposing a supported transitional living program using 20 tiny homes on two acres of land. Each tiny home will house a married couple. We can serve 40 individuals at a time.)

5. What is your involvement with your CoC and its partners? What community partners for coordinated care do you have MOUs or letters of agreement with?

6. Cost information including year one costs and any required ongoing costs, including any potential third-party revenue sources.

Organizations should complete their submittal in full by answering the questions below and submit it to **Stephanie Packebush** by e-mail at **Spackebush@odmhsas.org no later than close of business, 5:00 p.m., on Monday, May 2, 2022.**