

Northern Nevada Continuum of Care—NV 501 Rapid Rehousing Rent Payment Policy

Purpose

Per 24 CFR 578.7(a)(9) CoC's must develop written standards for determining what percentage or amount of rent each program participant must pay while receiving rapid rehousing assistance. This policy outlines the minimum requirements for amount of rent each participant must pay for rapid rehousing programs within the CoC.

Background

Rapid rehousing is an intervention, informed by a Housing First approach that is a critical part of a community's effective homeless crisis response system. Rapid rehousing rapidly connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services. Rapid rehousing programs help families and individuals living on the streets or in emergency shelters solve the practical and immediate challenges to obtaining permanent housing while reducing the amount of time they experience homelessness, avoiding a near-term return to homelessness, and linking to community resources that enable them to achieve housing stability in the long-term. Rapid rehousing is an important component of a community's response to homelessness. A fundamental goal of rapid rehousing is to reduce the amount of time a person is homeless.

The amount of rent or occupancy charges owed by the program participant is calculated using the family's annual income less allowable deductions. Generally, it is based on six factors:

- Number of people in household
- Age of people in the household
- Anticipated income
- Anticipated expenses
- Anticipated allowances
- Anticipated household-paid utilities

Rapid Rehousing Rent Payment Requirements

Rapid re-housing program participants receiving rental assistance are required to pay rent. Each household or individual must pay **at least** 30% of their monthly adjusted income in rent. Rapid rehousing programs may elect to require program participants to pay more than 30% of their monthly adjusted income toward rent however, rent payment requirements must be included in individual program policy and applied consistently to all program participants.

If a program participant has no monthly income, their rent portion owed is zero dollars.

The CoC Rent Calculation process outlined the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development must be followed for the Rapid Re-housing program. More information can be found here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-rent-calculation/overview/>