



FY2024 DV Rapid Rehousing Subrecipient Request For Proposals

1. Background Information

During the FY22 and FY23 Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the All Neighbors Coalition was awarded a community wide Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus award to serve 25 individuals and 75 families in Dallas and Collin counties. Service providers from the All Neighbors Coalition were chosen through an earlier opportunity to provide supportive services to all households. For the FY24 CoC NOFO, an additional \$4,180,589 of DV Bonus funds are available to be applied for. These project applications will compete nationally for funding. The All Neighbors Coalition will pursue an expansion of the current community wide project to increase the amount of Rapid Rehousing resources for eligible DV families.

2. General Overview and Funding Available

Please note: The amount of funding available and final applicant eligibility and service requirements are subject to the CoC being awarded this project in the FY 24 CoC Competition and a final contract executed between HUD and Housing Forward. Awards and award amounts are contingent on FY24 Annual NOFO amounts awarded.

The All Neighbors Coalition is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to fund agencies to deliver Rapid Rehousing, which provides short-term rental assistance, case management, navigation, and connections to community services.

The Rapid Rehousing RFP includes FY2024 HUD funding being applied for through the CoC Program DV Bonus which is dedicated to households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized and qualify for services through Category 1 or Category 4 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

This funding opportunity is open to **both** HUD designated Victim Service Providers (VSP) and non VSPs. The anticipated grant terms will be determined by the executed HUD contracts.



1. FY2024 funds are being applied for to support rental assistance for approximately 75 families and 75 individuals, 6 Housing Case Manager FTE, and 2 Systemwide Housing Navigators.
2. Housing Forward anticipates making up to 4 awards under this RFP and will serve as the rent administrator for the grants. Each agency will submit a budget proposal with their application using the template provided, which outlines the funding parameters for each budget line item. Agencies can apply for both case management and housing navigation or apply for case management only or housing navigation only. Agencies must apply for a minimum of 2 FTE. This can be a combination of case managers and navigators or a group of case managers or a group of housing navigators.
3. In order to diversify the type of agencies providing services to DV eligible households in the All Neighbors Coalition, at least 1 provider selected for case management must be a Victim Service Provider (VSP) that can serve both singles and families.

3. Key Terms

Below are definitions for key terms used throughout the RFP.

- a. [Coordinated Access System \(CAS\)](#): a community response to end homelessness that accounts for the diversity of needs of people experiencing homelessness and urgently responds to these needs with housing solutions. CAS has an easily accessible set of Access Points equipped to effectively assess the needs of individuals, match people to an intervention to end their experience of homelessness and rehouse them as quickly possible.
- b. [Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\)](#): a local information technology system used to collect data from service providers serving individuals or households experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- c. [Category 1 Definition of Homelessness](#): An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
 - i. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
 - ii. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and

- motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
- iii. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;
- d. [Category 4 Definition of Homelessness](#): Any individual or family who:
- i. Is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized.
 - ii. Has no other safe residence
 - iii. Lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.
- e. [Victim Service Provider](#): a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide direct services to victims of domestic violence. This term includes permanent housing providers—including rapid re-housing, domestic violence programs (shelters and non-residential), domestic violence transitional housing programs, dual domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and related advocacy and supportive services programs.

4. Rapid Rehousing Program Model

Rapid Rehousing is a time limited housing intervention that connects households experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through medium-term financial assistance and tailored 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 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 the community's response to homelessness.

The All Neighbors Coalition co-created a standardized [Rapid Rehousing Program Model](#), which outlines the essential program elements and expected outcomes to be delivered by agencies awarded these funds.

5. Systemwide Housing Navigation

Housing Navigation is a service provided to individual and/or family households matched to permanent housing resources through the homeless response system. Housing



Navigation involves frequent hands-on support in activities related to obtaining permanent housing. These activities include, but are not limited to, critical document collection support, landlord mediation, and housing, voucher, and unit application completion. Systemwide Housing Navigators provide this service to clients referred through the Coordinated Access System or Housing Priority List.

The All Neighbors Coalition co-created a standardized [Housing Navigation Model](#), which outlines the essential program elements and expected outcomes to be delivered by agencies awarded these funds.

6. Award Parameters

The Rapid Rehousing expansion initiative provides funding for case management, systemwide housing navigation, and time limited rental assistance. Agencies must apply for a minimum of 2 FTE. This can be a combination of case managers and navigators or a group of case managers or a group of housing navigators.

Category	Key Activities
Case Management	Critical Documentation Support Housing stabilization planning Housing location Employment assistance Linkage to mainstream resources Transportation Financial, lease, and household management Landlord mediation Safety Planning Advocacy & legal aid Housing Rights for Survivors Home visits, minimum once per month
Systemwide Housing Navigation	Critical Documentation Support Housing location Linkage to mainstream resources Housing Rights for Survivors
Rental Assistance	Rental assistance Move-in costs Utility allowance
Flex Fund	Help pay one-time fees/needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical documents • Housing related fees • Furniture and move in kits

7. Rental Assistance and Utility Funds

Housing Forward will pay rent payments on behalf of program participants. Housing Forward’s current centralized flex fund processes include Case Managers submitting flex fund requests for security deposits and utility deposits. Agencies may choose for Housing Forward to pay those expenses directly to vendors or to pre-pay expenses and seek reimbursement. **Housing Forward remains committed to continue working with providers to refine and design the most effective and efficient centralized rent administration processes for providers, program participants, and landlords.**

8. Applicant Requirements

Eligible applicants include the following:

- Non-profit organizations that are members of the All Neighbors Coalition.
- Agencies that agree to:
 - Receive all referrals through the All Neighbors Coalition’s Coordinated Access System (CAS) and or the Housing Priority List (HPL).
 - Deliver services in alignment with CoC Housing First principles.
 - Fully participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
 - Deliver services in accordance with the All Neighbors Coalition Rapid Rehousing Program Model and/or Housing Navigation Program Model.
 - Attend required annual training to include topics such as, but not limited to, HMIS, Security and Privacy, Housing Navigation, and Rapid Rehousing best practices.
- Agencies must meet the following financial management thresholds:
 - Agencies must have the ability to execute a cost reimbursable contract
 - Agencies must have completed an independent audit or a review of certified financial statements within the last 18 months.
- Agencies must receive at least 70% of the available points to be considered for funding by the Independent Review Committee.

9. Selection Criteria

Applications containing all required items and submitted by the deadline will be reviewed and scored based on the selection criteria outlined in the Rapid Rehousing Scorecard which can be found [HERE](#).

Selection Criteria	Total Points
Agency Experience – Eligible Households	10
Agency Experience – Rapid Rehousing	15



Program Design	30
Housing Navigation	25
Promoting Equity and Inclusion	30
Total Points Available (RRH + Navigation)	110
Total Points Available (RRH Only)	85
Total Points Available (Navigation Only)	65

10. Submission Instructions

All applicants must attend a mandatory RFP information session on September 24, 2024 at 12:00 PM. Register for the virtual RFP information session [here](#).

Applications are submitted through AmpliFund which is linked [here](#).

Applications must be submitted along with all supporting documentation no later than 11:55pm on October 4th, 2024.

Please reach out to Rae.Clay@HousingForwardNTX.org if you have questions.