

Rapid Re-Housing

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What is Rapid Re-housing

• Effective way to rapidly re-house homeless individual and families

Rapidly provide housing financial assistance

Key strategy in Federal Plan Opening Doors



The Department of Housing and Urban Development,

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, and

The Department of Veterans Affairs,

-support rapid re-housing as a strategy to end homelessness



 In 2009 Congress appropriated \$1.5 billion in ARRA funding

- Congress enacted HEARTH Act
 - This expanded the homeless services with the addition of the rapid re-housing activity



Why RRH?

- This assistance is flexible and is tailored to each family's immediate needs
- Rapidly connects families to a permanent housing situation
- Rapid re-housing is a part of the solution to ending homelessness



 With the use of RRH communities are reporting a decrease in homelessness

- 2012-2014 Memphis, TN saw a 21% decrease in homelessness
- 2012-2014 Baton Rouge , LA saw a 20% decrease in homelessness



Partnerships
TBRA Youth Program-with DCFS86% success rate

Rental Assistance with City of New Orleans-92% success rate



Effectiveness

- 75 percent of rapid re-housing participants exited to permanent housing
- Emergency Shelter 16 percent exited to permanent housing
- Transitional housing 42percent exited to permanent housing



Cost of homelessness

The average cost to provide rapid re-housing ~\$4,100

The average cost to provide shelter housing ~\$10,000

The average cost to provide transitional housing ~22,000



Main components of RRH

Housing Identification

Rental Assistance

RRH case management



Who we serve with RRH

- families with children
- youth aging out of foster care
- victims of domestic violence
- veterans
- single adults
- families with income at or below 30 AMI



HUD is encouraging communities to focus funding on RRH. In Louisiana the Emergency Solutions Grant recipients are required to allocate at least 40% of award into RRH activities.



The National Alliance to End Homeless issued guidance on the use of RRH

www.endhomelessness.org



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