



Recovery Housing Program (RHP) 2024 Action Plan



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RHP ACTION PLAN

Grantee: New Mexico (All)

RHP Grant: B-20-RH-35-0001
RHP Grant: B-21-RH-35-0001
RHP Grant: B-22-RH-35-0001
RHP Grant: B-23-RH-35-0001

Grant Award Amounts: FY2020 \$940,000/FY2021 \$902,621/FY2022 \$1,013,918/FY2023

\$1,268,811

Status: Original Estimated PI/RL Funds: \$0.00

Total RHP Allocations \$4,125,350

STANDARD FORM 424 AND 424D

MFA submits this Action Plan to HUD along with completed and executed Federal Forms SF-424 and SF-424D and RHP Certifications.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Federal Register Notice No. FR-6225-N-01 and updated Program Notice FR-6265-N-01 as authorized under Section 8071 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, entitled Pilot Program to Help Individuals in Recovery from a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) become stably housed, herein referred to as the authorizes assistance to grantees (states) to provide stable, temporary housing to individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder.

The Department of Finance and Administration – Local Government Division (DFA-LGD) is providing authorization to the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) to serve as administrator of New Mexico's RHP to include development of the RHP action plan and implementation of activities described in the plan.

MFA, as subgrantee of the State of New Mexico's RHP allocations, will guide the use of approximately \$940,000 of FY2020, \$902,621 of FY2021, \$1,013,918 of FY2022 and \$1,268,811 of FY2023 RHP funding received by the State through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the period July 1, 2021, through September 1, 2027. To date MFA has allocated a total of \$2,713,712 in RHP awards.

According to a New Mexico Substance Use Disorder Treatment Gap Analysis presented by the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), substance use is a significant public health issue in New Mexico. New Mexico recognizes that treatment is necessary, but accessibility is insufficient for long-term recovery of low- and moderate-income and homeless individuals recovering from SUD, mental health conditions, and criminal justice involvement. Housing stability is fundamental to recovery and a critical factor contributing to positive outcomes. Participants who know they will exit to stable housing are more likely to successfully complete treatment. We know that many who exit treatment will return to homelessness without long-term, affordable housing and comprehensive, evidence-based wrap-around case management services. It is reported that of those exiting treatment for a substance use disorder or mental health condition, only 50% of those in need of housing receive housing assistance according to the gap analysis. Data also shows that without stable housing, the risk of relapse and inability to maintain abstinence is greatly increased.

MFA continues to perform outreach with New Mexico recovery housing providers to solicit applications for new funding allocations. MFA is also working with Behavioral Health Services Division and a collaborative group to offer RHP funding to support projects throughout the state.

RESOURCES

MFA, through previous activities, has awarded a total of **\$2,713,712** in RHP funding to qualified service providers. The RHP action plan is amended to add additional funding and redistribute an award that was

121 FY 2022 FY20	23 ADMIN COSTS	TOTAL
2,621 \$1,013,918 \$1,26	(\$206,268)*	\$3,919,083
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reverted back to MFA. A total of \$2,349,584 is available.

Upon approval of this amended 2024 Action Plan, MFA will comply with the Citizen's Participation Plan (CPD) notifications for the amended RHP Action Plan and Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The Action Plan and NOFA will be presented to MFA's board for approval on March 20, 2024. The approved RHP Action Plan will be submitted to HUD through the DRGR system. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is scheduled to be released upon approval by HUD.

MFA encourages awardees of RHP funds to leverage as many federal, state, and local resources as possible in order to maximize the RHP investment.

OTHER FEDERAL RESOURCES

Additional federal resources include:

^{*}Administrative costs up to five (5) percent of New Mexico's RHP grant may be used by MFA as subgrantee.

- HUD's Veterans Housing Rehabilitation program
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs
- Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loan programs
- Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)
- HOME Investment Partnership program
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Continuum of Care (COC) program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA)
- HUD Housing Trust Fund
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program

STATE RESOURCES

Other nonfederal resources may be available through MFA to include:

- Resources from State legislative allocations
- New Mexico Housing Trust Fund
- New Mexico Affordable Housing Tax Credit

Many partners also leverage other state resources, such as funding from the New Mexico Human Services Department and the New Mexico Children, Youth & Families Department. Further, local governments may provide resources, and private support may be available from organizations such as the United Way or from developer contributions (land, deferred developer fee, loans) and private donations.

ADMINISTRATION SUMMARY

NM DFA-LGD will oversee MFA's administration of the entire New Mexico RHP allocations. As such, DFA-LGD will provide grant management, monitoring, and ensure environmental review compliance. It will also ensure compliance with residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plans, following their adoption, and the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Act. Oversight will be performed according to the state's CDBG Implementation Manual adjusted for waivers and alternative requirements for the Pilot Recovery Housing Program.

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MFA will be responsible for administering RHP activities in compliance with RHP requirements under the oversight of the DFA.

Jackie Homet will serve as the program manager for New Mexico's Recovery Housing Program with her primary role to ensure coordinated effort and non-duplication of services. Jackie has eight years of experience at MFA working with federal funding for homeless programs.

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USE OF FUNDS

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

According to FR-6225-N-01 Section H. Overview of Grant Process and RHP Action Plan Requirements, eligible activities include the following:

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS

RHP funds may be used for activities under 24 CFR 570.201(c) or section 105(a)(2) of the HCD Act (42 USC 5305(a)(2)) only for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing for persons in recovery from a substance use disorder in accordance with Section 8071 and this notice.

ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

RHP funds may be used for acquisition under 24 CFR 570.201(a) or section 105(a)(1) of the HCD Act (42 USC 5305(a)(1)) for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing to persons in recovery from a substance use disorder in accordance with Section 8071 and this notice. For example, a nonprofit organization could purchase a residential property for this purpose.

LEASE, RENT, AND UTILITIES

HUD is waiving and modifying 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(8), 24 CFR 570.207(b)(4), 24 CFR 570.201(e), and 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) to the extent necessary to permit RHP funds to be used to make payments for lease, rent, utilities, and associated costs (e.g. fees), for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing, on behalf of an individual in recovery from a substance use disorder in accordance with Section 8071 and this notice. Under this waiver and alternative requirement, such payments are not limited to 15 percent of the RHP grant, and an individual may be assisted for up to 2 years or until the assisted individual finds permanent housing, whichever is earlier. These payments may not be made directly to an individual. These payments may not have been previously paid from other sources; and the payments must result in either a new service and/or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service above that which has been provided in the twelve calendar months prior to approval of the RHP Action Plan. For example, a subrecipient currently operating a recovery group home may use RHP funds to rent an additional house and increase the number of persons served. In which case, the rent and utility costs of the additional house may be paid with RHP funds; however, the rent and utilities of the original house would not be an eligible cost under the RHP program. In this example, an individual may only stay in the temporary housing

assisted by RHP for a period of up to 2 years or until the individual finds permanent housing, whichever is earlier.

REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-UNIT RESIDENTIAL

RHP funds may be used for rehabilitation or reconstruction of publicly- or privately-owned single-unit residential buildings and improvements eligible under 24 CFR 570.202(a)(1) or section 105(a)(4) of the HCD Act (42 USC 5305(a)(4)) for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder in accordance with Section 8071 and this notice.

REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL

RHP funds may be used for rehabilitation or reconstruction of publicly- or privately-owned buildings and improvements with two or more permanent residential units that otherwise comply with 24 CFR 570.202(a) and section 105(a)(4) of the HCD Act (42 USC 5305(a)(4)) for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder in accordance with Section 8071 and this notice.

REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING

RHP funds may be used for rehabilitation or reconstruction of buildings and improvements owned and operated by a public housing authority to the extent eligible under 24 CFR 570.202(a)(2) and section 105(a)(4) of the HCD Act (42 USC 5305(a)(4)), for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder in accordance with Section 8071 and this notice.

DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY

RHP funds may be used for disposition through sale, lease, donation or otherwise, of real property acquired with RHP funds subject to 24 CFR 570.201(b) and section 105(a)(7) of the HCD Act (42 USC 5305(a)(7)), for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder in accordance with Section 8071 and this notice. Eligible costs may include costs incidental to disposing of the property, such as preparation of legal documents, fees paid for surveys, transfer taxes, and other costs involved in the transfer of ownership of the RHP-assisted property.

CLEARANCE AND DEMOLITION

RHP funds may be used for clearance, demolition, and removal of buildings and improvements, including movement of structures to other sites to the extent eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(d) or section 105(a)(4) of the HCD Act (42 USC 5305(a)(4)) for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder in accordance with Section 8071 and this notice. This is limited to projects where RHP funds are used only for clearance and demolition.

RELOCATION

RHP funds may be used for relocation payments and other assistance for permanently or temporarily displaced individuals and families in connection with activities using RHP funds, to the extent eligible under 24 CFR 570.201(i) and section 105(a)(11) of the HCD Act (42 USC 5305(a)(11)).

EXPANSION OF EXISTING ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE NEW CONSTRUCTION

RHP funds can be used for new construction of housing, to the extent the newly constructed housing shall be used for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder in accordance with Section 8071 and this notice. HUD is waiving 42 USC 5305(a) and 24 CFR 570.207(b)(3) and adopting alternative requirements to the extent necessary to permit new construction of housing, subject to the same requirements that apply to rehabilitation activities under the provisions at section 105(a)(4) of the HCD Act (42 USC 5305(a)(4)) and 24 CFR 570.202(b).

METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION

MFA will solicit qualitative and quantitative information from applicants who demonstrate a need for the project being proposed for RHP funding. MFA will consider both the projected demand for the proposed temporary recovery housing units and the financial need for assistance.

MFA will distribute one hundred percent (100%) of the remaining FY2021, FY2022 and FY2023 awards of recovery housing funds for the purpose of use on eligible activities less eligible administrative costs, to eligible awardees through a Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) process.

Applications that meet the Minimum Qualifications and Requirements eligibility criteria will be evaluated by an internal review committee of MFA staff using the scoring criteria as described in the Recovery Housing Program NOFA. The review committee will present award recommendations to MFA management and MFA's Board as required under MFA's Delegations of Authority. Final selection will be approved by MFA's Board of Directors at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

MFA does not guarantee and is not obligated to make an award. Awards will be based on availability of funds, Offeror's demonstrated need, Offeror's score on the scoring criteria and for any of the other reasons set forth herein.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DIRECTLY

The Department of Finance and Administration – Local Government Division (DFA-LGD) is providing authorization to the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) to administer 100% of New Mexico's RHP allocation for FY2020, FY2021, FY2022 and FY2023.

Agencies awarded RHP funds will be required to place a Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) on each project and/or property purchased with RHP funds for a minimum of 30 years. MFA may require an additional term after the compliance period based on the amount of the award.

ELIGIBLE SERVICE PROVIDERS

MFA will make awards of RHP funding to local governments, public and private non-profit organizations, and Indian tribes that demonstrate the ability to offer recovery housing services. Public and private nonprofit organizations can be located in all geographic areas within the State of New Mexico, including CDBG entitlement areas. Public and private nonprofit organizations must be exempt from taxation under subtitle C of section 501(c), have an accounting system, a voluntary board, be actively engaged in recovery housing efforts in New Mexico or previously engaged in recovery housing efforts in New Mexico, and practice nondiscrimination in the provision of assistance. Assistance may be provided to primarily religious organizations that agree to provide all eligible activities in a manner that is free from religious influence.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Awards will be made for eligible activities through a NOFA Process. Offerors must meet the Minimum Qualifications and Requirements eligibility criteria established by MFA's Procurement policy outlined in the RHP NOFA in order to be eligible to apply.

The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) as New Mexico's housing finance agency will administer the RHP allocation for FY2020, FY2021, FY2022 and FY2023 on behalf of The Department of Finance and Administration – Local Government Division (DFA-LGD).

Through RHP outreach and partner coordination, the demand for Recovery Housing funding is more than sufficient to expend the balance of the NM RHP allocation.

Scoring criteria and eligible points are established in the NOFA to ensure priority is given to Offerors who are able to demonstrate the greatest need and ability to deliver funds.

PROJECT NEED

PROJECT RESPONSE TO DOCUMENTED NEED

Applicants must be able to provide documentation confirming their understanding of the health and social needs of persons with substance use disorders (SUD) and that they are aware of nationally recognized models and interventions that address those needs including, but not limited to, the data or statistics to demonstrate knowledge of population profile (demographics, social and health needs) including program, organizational, city/county, treatment/health system, criminal justice, housing, poverty, overdose, SUD prevalence and homelessness; program activities including processes, tools, events, technology, and actions that are an intentional part of the program implementation and demonstrate the project success to meet the intended program goals or results. Project documentation confirms the project will fulfill a verifiable need in the community with measurable results from projected outcomes including number of individuals served.

PROJECT RESPONSE MUST BE NEAR SERVICE HUB AND UNDERSERVED BY RECOVERY RESIDENCES

Applicants should be responsive to the needs of the populations served and show adequate proximity to services. Applicants must provide a map to confirm project location and service hub proximity, other

recovery residences within 50 miles, and access to transportation, health care services and community-based services available within 10 miles.

PROJECT PROVIDES SAFE, HEALTHY, AND SOBER LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Applicants must provide documentation to confirm house rules and house meeting requirements including current policies and procedures for recovery housing residents. Policies and procedures must outline any drug screening and/or background requirements. Applicants must provide staff job description, staff ratios, staff roles and staff availability, and include current policies and procedures for recovery housing staff. Policies and procedures must outline staff protocol for resident interaction and any drug screening and/or background requirements.

PROGRAM DESIGN PROVIDES HOLISTIC, WRAP AROUND SERVICES

Applicants must provide listing of services to be provided by staff or that may be accessible through other programs or partnerships to the recovery housing residents.

PROJECT LEVERAGE OF OTHER RESOURCES

Applicants must provide documentation confirming existing program resources or other awards received to leverage the project.

PROJECT IMPACT

LOW-MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS TO BENEFIT

Recovery Housing Projects must serve populations at or below the low to moderate income limit. Applicants must provide policies and procedures to ensure LMI compliance and provide references or information to confirm experience calculating household income and compliance with Area Median Income (AMI) Requirements.

READINESS TO PROCEED AND OBLIGATE AND EXPEND FUNDS WITHIN 4 MONTHS

Applicants must be prepared to proceed with the project and expend funds promptly after being awarded. Applicants must provide project timeline demonstrating that the purchases occur within 4 months of the date of the signed agreement.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY HOUSING

To promote community support applicants should do community outreach and provide letters of support from key stakeholders, evidence of community outreach letters/communications, evidence of community/stakeholder meetings and/or partnerships with community groups addressing this population.

COORDINATION WITH STATE, LOCAL, OR REGIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

To promote programmatic success applicants can provide evidence of existing contracts and/or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local and regional entities.

DEMONSTRATED DATA COLLECTION FOR OUTCOMES

Applicants should be able to provide data to support the projected outcomes of the project.

PROJECT EFFICIENCY AND FEASIBILITY

PROJECT LONG TERM VIABILITY

Applicants must provide performa or evidence that the project costs will be substantially fulfilled by all sources of project funding to projects' needs for long term viability. Documentation should include forecasts of costs and expenses incurred for the life of the project through the affordability period.

PROJECT INCLUDES TRAINED RECOVERY HOUSING STAFF

To ensure adequate staffing to meet the unique demands of a Recovery Housing Project, applicants must provide resumes of management and recovery housing staff.

DEMONSTRATED CAPACITY AND EXPERIENCE TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT

To demonstrate capacity, applicants must provide evidence of years in experience in recovery housing and evidence of established partnerships.

PROJECT COST EFFECTIVENESS AND REASONABILITY

Applicants must provide appraisals and proposed costs to demonstrate cost effectiveness and reasonability.

DEFINITIONS

INDIVIDUAL IN RECOVERY

A person that is in the process of change to improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

As defined by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) - the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causing clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

RECOVERY RESIDENCE

A recovery residence may be a single-family home or apartment that provides a safe, healthy, and substance- free living environment for persons recovering from a substance use disorder. Recovery residences generally provide peer support and connection to services that promote long-term recovery.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

Upon Approval of the RHP Action Plan, MFA will release the RHP NOFA and will provide training and technical assistance for interested agencies. These agencies will have the opportunity to work with an RHP Technical Assistance company to assist each agency to meet minimum qualifications and scoring criteria.

RHP will serve approximately 20-25 individuals directly related to SUD. Additional qualified applications will increase the number of individuals served. Based on the history of potential partners, fifty to sixty percent of individuals will be successfully transitioned to permanent housing.

EXPENDITURE PLAN

MFA will comply with all RHP guidelines and expend at least 30% of the funds within year one as required. The need for appropriate recovery housing to fill gaps in New Mexico is substantial and, based on the state's capacity and availability of agencies to provide recovery services, we do not anticipate any type of barrier to expending funds expediently and effectively.

Administrative costs will not exceed the five percent (5%) of New Mexico's RHP allocation. MFA does not anticipate receiving program income from RHP eligible activities.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

The RHP Action Plan is subject to MFA's process for substantial amendments in the citizen participation plan (CPP) excerpted below.

There must be reasonable notice of a proposed substantial amendment so that residents of the affected areas of the state will have an opportunity to review it and comment on it. Notice will be made according to the procedures described herein with the addition of the following procedures specifically for substantial amendments:

- Issue a public notice upon release of the proposed substantial amendment announcing a thirty (30) day review and comment period and a public hearing regarding the proposed substantial amendment after the review and comment period. Published notices will be in the Albuquerque Journal, the Santa Fe New Mexican, Las Cruces Sun News, and other local newspapers, and on MFA's website (http://www.housingnm.org/) and DFA's website (http://nmdfa.state.nm.us/Local_Government.aspx) at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing.
- Include a section in the final substantial amendment that presents all comments, plus explanations why any comments were not accepted.

MFA will schedule the publication of the 2024 Recovery Housing Program Amended Action Plan upon MFA Board approval in March 2024. There will be a 30-day public comment period, with a public hearing scheduled 15 days from publication date.

The notice will be published in both English and Spanish in the following newspapers: Albuquerque Journal, Santa Fe New Mexican, Eastern New Mexico News, Farmington Daily Times, Las Cruces Sun News, and Roswell Daily Record.

MFA will address any public comments if received.

PARTNER COORDINATION

MFA met with community stakeholders and developed contacts through existing partnerships to create a list of prospects. MFA has continued to work with potential applicants and will provide notification via email blasts to all prospects, followed by phone and hosted meetings with all respondents. MFA has an extensive history of collaborating with diverse community stakeholders to ensure we meet organizational objectives and participant needs.

Collaboration meetings and contacts were made with:

- New Mexico Supportive Housing and Learning Collaboration
- Rio Arriba Board of County Commissioners
- Hopeworks
- A Peaceful Habitation
- The Fletcher Group
- Endorphin Power Company

Outreach was sent via email blasts and phone calls to:

- Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless, Inc.
- Alianza of New Mexico
- All Faiths Receiving Home
- Catholic Charities
- Child Haven
- City of Espanola
- Community Against Violence, Inc.
- Crisis Center of Northern New Mexico
- Crossroads for Women
- DreamTree Project
- Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council
- El Centro Family Health
- Families and Youth Inc.
- El Refugio, Inc.
- Espanola Pathways Shelter
- Good Shephard Center
- Heading Home
- Heart of Taos Heart House

- HELP New Mexico, Inc.
- La Casa, Inc.
- New Day Youth and Family Services
- New Mexico Aids Services
- New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness
- New Mexico Veterans Integration Center
- Option, Inc.
- People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)
- Pueblo of Santa Clara
- Rio Arriba County
- A.F.E House
- San Juan Catholic Charities
- Santa Clara Pueblo Behavioral Health
- Santa Clara Pueblo Housing Authority
- Santa Fe Recovery Center
- Saranam, LLC
- Silver City Gospel Mission
- St. Elizabeth Shelter
- Steel Bridge Ministries
- Susan's Legacy
- The Life Link
- Therapeutic Living Services, Inc.
- Town of Taos
- Valencia Shelter Services
- Women's Housing Coalition
- Youth Development, Inc.
- Youth Shelters and Family Services

SERVICE PROVIDER MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING

MFA as subgrantee and administrator of New Mexico's RHP will monitor each agency awarded RHP funds to ensure compliance with RHP requirements and guidelines.

DFA-LGD as grantee will provide oversight of MFA according to the state's CDBG implementation guide adjusted for waivers and alternative requirements for the Pilot Recovery Housing Program as described in FR-6225-N-01 and FR 6265-N-01.

PRE-AWARD/PRE-AGREEMENT COSTS

Upon acceptance of the RHP Action Plan by HUD, MFA will collect administrative costs allowable under the RHP guidelines, up to five percent of the RHP allocation for FY2020, FY2021, FY2022 and FY2023.

CERTIFICATIONS

MFA certifies the following:

- I. The grantee certifies that it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the RHP program. The grantee certifies that it will comply with the residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan, relocation assistance, and one-for-one replacement housing requirements of section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 USC § 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, as applicable, except where waivers or alternative requirements are provided.
- II. The grantee certifies its compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR part 87, together with disclosure forms, if required by part 87.
- III. The grantee certifies that the RHP Action Plan is authorized under state and local law (as applicable) and that the grantee, and any entity or entities designated by the grantee, and any contractor, subrecipient, or designated public agency carrying out an activity with RHP funds, possess(es) the legal authority to carry out the program for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and the grant requirements. The grantee certifies that activities to be undertaken with RHP funds are consistent with its RHP Action Plan.
- IV. The grantee certifies that it will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.), and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24, except where waivers or alternative requirements are provided.
- V. The grantee certifies that it will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135.
- VI. The grantee certifies that it is following a citizen participation plan adopted pursuant to 24 CFR 91.115 or 91.105 (as imposed in notices for its RHP grant). Also, each unit of general local government receiving RHP assistance from a state must comply with the citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR 570.486(a)(1) through (a)(7) for proposed and actual uses of RHP funding (except as provided in Federal Register notices providing waivers and alternative requirements for the use of RHP funds).
- VII. The grantee certifies that it is complying with each of the following criteria: (1) funds will be used solely for allowable activities to provide individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder stable, temporary housing for a period of not more than 2 years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever is earlier; (2) with respect to activities expected to be assisted with RHP funds, the RHP Action Plan has been developed so as to give the maximum feasible priority to activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and families; (3) the aggregate use of RHP funds shall principally benefit low- and moderate-income families in a manner that ensures the grant amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons; and (4) the grantee will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with RHP grant funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low- and moderate-income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining

access to such public improvements, unless: (a) RHP grant funds are used to pay the proportion of such fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of such public improvements that are financed from revenue sources other than RHP; or (b) for purposes of assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of moderate income, the grantee certifies to the Secretary that it lacks sufficient RHP funds (in any form, including program income) to comply with the requirements of clause (a).

- VIII. The grantee certifies that the grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), and implementing regulations, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing.
- IX. The grantee certifies that it has adopted and is enforcing the following policies, and, in addition, must certify that it will require local governments that receive grant funds to certify that they have adopted and are enforcing: (1) a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; and (2) a policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
- X. The grantee certifies that the grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with the requirements of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. 2000bb) and 24 CFR 5.109, allowing the full and fair participation of faith-based entities.
- XI. The grantee certifies that it (and any subrecipient or administering entity) currently has or will develop and maintain the capacity to carry out RHP eligible activities in a timely manner and that the grantee has reviewed the requirements of the grant.
- XII. The grantee certifies that its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of HUD's lead-based paint rules (Lead Disclosure; and Lead Safe Housing (24 CFR part 35)), and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (40 CFR part 745)).
- XIII. The grantee certifies that it will comply with environmental review procedures and requirements at 24 CFR part 58.
- XIV. The grantee certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws.

ACTION PLAN UPDATES

A public comment period was provided from March 27, 2024, through April 26, 2024. The public hearing was held on April 11. MFA received no comments or questions on the RHP Action Plan.

A public notice was issued, announcing the review, public comment period and public hearing, in the following publications, in both English and Spanish, as required under the CITIZEN PARTICIPATION SUMMARY of the Action Plan:

- Albuquerque Journal
- Eastern New Mexico News
- Farmington Daily Times
- Las Cruces Sun News

- Roswell Daily Record
- Santa Fe New Mexican

Publications are attached.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE NEW MEXICO RECOVERY HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT March 27, 2024

The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) and the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division (DFA) are seeking public comment on the amended Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Action Plan Amendment. A thirty-day public comment period will begin on March 27th, 2024, and end on April 26th, 2024, and a public hearing on the action plan will be held on April 11th, 2024. The Recovery Housing Program authorizes assistance to grantees (states) to provide stable, temporary housing to individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder. The amended RHP Action Plan will be available on March 27th, 2024, on MFA's website at: http://www.housingnm.org/resources/RHP-actionplan and at DFA's website at: http://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/Local Government.aspx. If you are unable to download the RHP Action Plan, please contact MFA to request a copy (505-843-6880 or toll free 1-800-444-6880). Additionally, the documents can be provided in alternative formats (i.e., Braille/large print, audio tape) for people with disabilities and may also be translated into Spanish for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Spanish-speaking persons, upon request. Citizens, interested agencies, and for-profit and nonprofit organizations may attend a public hearing in person or via webcast at http://www.housingnm.org/resources/RHP-action-plan to provide comments on the amended RHP Action Plan on April 11th, 2024, at 10 a.m. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service, please contact Jackie Homet by phone: 505-843-6880 or toll free 1-800-444-6880; e-mail: ihomet@housingnm.org; TTY: 1-800-659-8331 for English and 1-800-327-1857 for Spanish; or mail: New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, 344 Fourth St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Accommodations can be made within 48 hours' notice for non-English speaking participants and individuals with disabilities by calling 505-843-6880. All facilities are wheelchair accessible. Citizens, interested agencies, and for-profit and nonprofit organizations may provide comments at any time during the thirty-day public comment period, which will begin on March 27th, 2024, and end at 11:59 p.m. MDT, April 26th, 2024. Written comments and/or questions may be directed to Jackie Homet by phone: 505-843-6880 or toll free 1-800-444-6880; e-mail: jhomet@housingnm.org; or mail: New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, 344 Fourth St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. After receipt of public comments, MFA staff will prepare a summary of all comments received in writing and, in cases where any citizens' views are not accepted, provide reasons for the decision. This documentation will be attached to the RHP Action Plan.

The total RHP funding available is \$2,349,584, which represents fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$1,205,370 and returned award in the amount of \$1,144,213. According to FR-6225-N-01, eligible activities for RHP awards include public facilities improvements, acquisition of real property, lease, rent, and utilities, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of single and multi-unit residential, rehabilitation and construction of public housing, disposition of real property, clearance and demolition, relocation, and expansion of existing activities to include new construction. The final RHP Action Plan approved by HUD will be available on MFA's website at http://www.housingnm.org/resources/RHP-action-plan and at DFA's website http://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/Local Government.aspx

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA Y PERÍODO DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS DE 30 DÍAS PARA LA ENMIENDA AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN DEL PROGRAMA PILOTO DE RECUPERACIÓN DE VIVIENDA EN NUEVO MÉXICO 27 de marzo de 2024

La autoridad de Financiamiento Hipotecario de Nuevo México, mejor conocido como "The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority" (MFA) y el Departamento de Finanzas y Administración, División de Gobierno Local (DFA) están solicitando comentarios públicos sobre La Enmienda enmendada al Plan de Acción del Programa de Vivienda de Recuperación (RHP). A partir del 27 de marzo de 2024, comenzará un período de comentarios públicos de treinta días y se finalizará el 26 de abril de 2024. Adicionalmente, se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre el plan de acción el 11 de abril de 2024. El Programa de Vivienda de Recuperación autoriza asistencia a los beneficiarios (estados) para proporcionar vivienda estable y temporal a personas en recuperación de un trastorno por uso de sustancias. El Plan de Acción RHP modificado estará disponible el 27 de marzo de 2024 en el sitio web de MFA en: http://www.housingnm.org/resources/RHP-action-plan y en el sitio web de http://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/Local Government.aspx. Si no puede descargar el Plan de acción de RHP, comuníquese con MFA para solicitar una copia (505-843-6880 o sin cargo al 1-800-444-6880). Además, los documentos se pueden proporcionar en formatos alternativos (es decir, Braille/letra grande, cinta de audio) para personas con discapacidades y también se puede pedir una traducción al español para personas con dominio limitado del inglés (LEP) y que solamente hablan español. Los ciudadanos, las agencias interesadas y las organizaciones con y sin fines de lucro pueden atender una audiencia pública en persona o por reunión de web en http://www.housingnm.org/resources/RHP-action-plan para proporcionar comentarios sobre el Plan de Acción RHP modificado el 11 de abril de 2024, a las 10 a.m. Si usted es una persona con una discapacidad que necesita un lector, un amplificador, un intérprete de lenguaje de señas calificado o cualquier otra forma de ayuda o servicio auxiliar, comuníquese con Jackie Homet por teléfono: 505-843-6880 o al número gratuito 1-800-444-6880; correo electrónico: jhomet@housingnm.org; TTY: 1-800-659-8331 para inglés y 1-800-327-1857 para español; o por correo: New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, 344 Fourth St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Llamando al 505-843-6880, se pueden realizar adaptaciones con un aviso de 48 horas para participantes que no hablan inglés y personas con discapacidades. Todas las instalaciones son accesibles para sillas de ruedas. Los ciudadanos, agencias interesadas y organizaciones con y sin fines de lucro pueden enviar comentarios en cualquier momento durante el período de comentarios públicos de treinta días, que comenzará el 27 de marzo de 2024 y terminará a las 11:59 p.m. MDT, 26 de abril de 2024. Los comentarios y/o preguntas por escrito pueden dirigirse a Jackie Homet por teléfono: 505-843-6880 o al número gratuito 1-800-444-6880; correo electrónico: jhomet@housingnm.org; o por correo: The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, 344 Fourth St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Después de recibir los comentarios públicos, el personal de MFA preparará un resumen de todos los comentarios recibidos por escrito y, en los casos en que no se acepten las opiniones de los ciudadanos, proporcionará los motivos de la decisión. Esta documentación se adjuntará al Plan de Acción del RHP.

El financiamiento total del RHP disponible es \$2,349,584, lo que representa el año fiscal 2023 en la cantidad de \$1,205,370 y una adjudicación devuelta en la cantidad de \$1,144,213. Según FR-6225-N-01, las actividades elegibles para los premios RHP incluyen instalaciones públicas mejoradas, adquisición de propiedad real, arrendamiento, alquiler y servicios públicos, rehabilitación y reconstrucción de hogares residenciales con unidades individuales y múltiples, rehabilitación y construcción de viviendas públicas,

disposición de propiedad real, limpieza y demolición, reubicación y expansión de actividades existentes para incluir nuevas construcciones. El Plan de Acción RHP final aprobado por HUD estará disponible en el sitio web de MFA en http://www.housingnm.org/resources/RHP-action-plan y en el sitio web de DFA http://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/Local Government.aspx.