

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Programs

Program Purpose:

Assist individuals and families experiencing *homelessness* to secure and retain permanent, affordable rental housing in the community and to achieve greater levels of self-sufficiency, independence, recovery and overall improved quality of life.

Target Population:

Households with moderate needs that require *short to medium-term rental assistance and time-limited supports* in order to secure and maintain permanent housing stability in the community.

Key Components:

- *Short to medium-term rental assistance with time-limited supportive services*
 - HAWC Community Partners administer the ongoing, monthly rental assistance
 - Various non-profit organizations provide supportive services
- Participants apply for tenancy with private landlords
 - Landlords use their *normal tenant selection criteria*
- Gross Rents (monthly rent plus a HOM-calculated utility allowance) must be at or below HUD-published *Fair Market Rents*
- Gross Rents must be considered *reasonable* in comparison to similar unassisted units
- Units must meet HUD's *Housing Quality Standards (HQS)*
- Units must be free from *Lead Based Paint*
- HAWC Community Partners assist participant with turning on any required utilities
- Tenant and landlord execute landlord's standard lease
- HAWC Community Partners and landlords execute rental assistance agreement
- HAWC Community Partners calculate Tenant Rent and Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)
 - Tenant pays Tenant Rent directly to landlord
 - HAWC Community Partners pay HAP to landlord
- Service providers provide *client-centered, wrap-around supportive services* to tenants in their homes and in the community
- HAWC Community Partners *acts as liaison* between landlord, tenant and supportive services provider for tenancy-related issues

Program Scope:

- HAWC Community Partner programs assisted **14 individuals** in 2014.
- HAWC Community Partner programs assisted **44 families** in 2014.
- Supportive Services for Veterans and Families RRH Community Partner programs assisted **30 individuals** 2014.