What is Rapid Re-housing?

- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) is an intervention designed to help households quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing.

- RRH enrollment **does not have any preconditions** (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety).

- The program provides tenant-based rental assistance for up to 24 months along with supportive services that are tailored to the unique needs of each household.

- The goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed.

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Written Standards – Why?

The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) is updating the Rapid Rehousing (RRH) standards that were previously developed by All Home with input from King County, the City of Seattle, and Building Changes to better align with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines.

The standards are what providers refer to when developing or managing a KCRHA-funded RRH program and are referred to in contracts. The drafted standards have been reviewed by the local HUD field office, KCRHA's HUD technical assistant partner - CSH, King County, and the City of Seattle. As part of the Continuum of Care (CoC)-funded programs, these standards must be approved by the CoC Board.

Written Standards – Overview

Accessing RRH in Seattle/King County	Eligibility	Core Components of RRH	Policy Requirements	Performance Standards
• Requirement to use Coordinated Entry • Parallel system for gender-based violence survivots	• Literal homelessness as defined by HUD • Documentation requirements	• Housing Identification • Financial Assistance • Supportive Services • 90-Day Reassessments	• Rent Subsidy Calculation • Emergency Transfers • Termination • No Contact Procedures • Grievance	• Exit Rate to Permanent Housing • Returns to Homelessness

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Timeline

- **January - March 2022**
  - Initial Review: Guideline mapping exercise to review of existing guidelines to understand all funding sources, program guidelines, and what could be changed and by whom.
- **Late 2022 – 2023**
  - Listening Sessions: Engaged with providers and individuals with lived & living experience to gather feedback.
- **Late 2023 - Early 2024**
  - Draft Development: First draft completed, sent for feedback, updated incorporating feedback.
  - New Tools: A custom Income and Rent Calculator was created, based on a model from Los Angeles, with local updates.
- **Late 2024 – Now**
  - Final reviews by KCRHA and Cross Cutting Policy Workgroup

Key Changes

24-Month Assistance

- Extended eligibility for full RRH assistance up to 24 months from previous model of 3-6 months and up to one-year.

Inclusion of Transitional Housing

- Individuals in Transitional Housing are now eligible for RRH as explicitly stated in the standards.

Documentation Standards

- Clearer expectations for required documentation including a zipfile of templates for all documents.

Rental Subsidy Calculation

- Changes to subsidy calculations to align with updated standards.

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Feedback and Actions Taken

- **Literal Homelessness Verifications:** KCRHA developed templates for programs to use for these verifications.

- **Rent Reasonableness:** A requirement for all units, with a KCRHA-created template and more detailed guidance for providers.

- **12-Month Leases:** Maintained as standard, with exceptions for certain funding sources.

- **Rent Subsidy Model:** A pilot for the updated Income and Rent Calculator will be introduced with option for programs to develop internal Policies/Procedures should they elect to deviate from recommended model.

- **Exception Requests and Feedback:** Programs are encouraged to submit exception requests, with a feedback form available to collect real-time input.

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Next Steps

- Board Approval

- Formal Launch of Standards

- Rapid Re-housing Provider Training (initial training):
  o Updates to Standards Overview
  o Rental Subsidy Model and Calculation
  o Eligibility & Required Documentation

2025 CoC Workplan

Quarter 1 Review and What's to Come in Quarter 2

Quarter 1 Review

	January	February	March
Events	CoC Virtual Convening		Co-Chair Presentation at Governing Board 3/20
CoC Board	DVCHAP Improvements Review; KCRHA Budget Review; Workplan Development	Workgroup development; Pathways to Housing; Planning Session	RRH Standards Review
Coordinated Entry Committee	Establish group vision	Goals and priority development	Data Review for Dashboard
System Performance Committee	Review and approve DVCHAP Improvements	Developing scope of work for Data Standards Workgroup	Standing up PIT Planning & Data Standards Workgroups
Youth Action Board	Board member development; podcast work	Retreat and Planning; agenda planning for YYA Convening	Built for Zero Presentation
CoC Charter Review Workgroup	Scope of Work development	Recruitment	Finalize membership, establish cadence & orientation to CoC Charters
Cross Cutting Policy Review Workgroup	RRH Standards Review	RRH Standards Review and Feedback	Begin Review of CoC Written Standards
Convening Workgroup	N/A	Scope of work and stood up workgroup	Begin planning for May

Quarter 2 - What's to Come

	April	May	June
Events		CoC Convening Submission of 2027 HUD Data Standards Input	
CoC Board	RRH Standards Vote, System Performance Measures Overview	Q1 CoC Program Performance Review, System Performance Measure #2, Review NOFO Scope of Work & Standup	System Performance Measure #3
Coordinated Entry Committee	Dashboard development and prioritization review	Finalize dashboard recommendations, prioritization and access	Prioritization and access
System Performance	Standup PIT Workgroup; Update on Live Inventory	Quarterly data quality review	Bed and Unit Inventory System Redesign & Implementation
Youth Action Board	YHDP: Current Manuals and Expectations	YHDP Programs - Performance and Spending Overview	YHDP - Manual work with current Bridge providers

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Quarter 2 - What's to Come

	April	May	June
CoC Charter Review Workgroup	Review of CoC Charters in other communities, working session	Working session	Working Session
Cross Cutting Policy Review Workgroup	CoC Written Standards	CoC Standards Revisions	CoC Standards Revisions
Convening Workgroup	Planning for May Convening, YYA transportation support plan	Final prep for Convening, YYA transportation plan	YYA transportation plan for July
Data Standards & Metric Development	Gathering input for 2027 HMIS Standards	Prep input for submission to HUD	Shift to Data Collection Guidelines
PIT Planning	Recruitment	Planning prep and HUB Sites	Planning Prep & HUBs – Identification and Regional Coverage

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