



KCRHA
King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Rapid Re-housing Standards

CoC Board

October 1, 2025

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 – March 2025**
 - Final reviews by KCRHA, Cross Cutting Policy Workgroup, HUD and HUD-assigned technical assistance provider
- **April 2025-July 2025**
 - Develop fixed rent subsidy models
- **July – August 2025**
 - Revise guidance on financial assistance and exiting households



Changes at Feds

- Joint letter
- PRWORA statute
- New DOJ statement



Proposed Change

- Person-centered
- Trauma-informed
- Not force deadlines on household
- Client get similar RRH experience regardless of program serving them



Models considering

- A. Declining income-based model
- B. Declining fixed-rent contribution model

Goal: Ease of understanding for households and use for programs.



Option A: Income-Based Ramp Model



Initial Stabilization Phase

No client contribution for first three months allows households to stabilize financially without pressure.



Steady Contribution Period

From months four to nine, participants contribute 30% of income, maintaining a consistent budgeting framework.



Incremental Contribution Increase

Contributions increase gradually to 40%, then 50%, and finally 70% by month sixteen, promoting financial independence.



Exit Strategy and Support

If 30% income covers rent, subsidy ends with 30 days additional support to ease transition.



Option B: Declining Rent-Based Model



6-Month Model

Designed for households needing short-term assistance.

Quick Subsidy Ramp-Down

Emphasizes rapid transition to financial independence with minimal dependency on assistance.



12-Month Model

Designed for households needing moderate support families.

Gradual Rent Contribution

The model balances financial growth and housing stability with case management.



24-Month Model

The 24-month model offers the longest support runway, promoting stability over time.

Incremental Rent Contributions

Focus on Long-Term Stabilization

Feedback from Prior Sessions

- Dramatic shift to throw out the previous fixed model.
- Request for a ramp down period where household increases share of rent paid
- Ensure models are person-centered and housing first
- Households referred via coordinated entry have substantial barriers to self-sufficiency



Next Steps

- Additional Input and Review
 - DCHS and HSD Review – due Sept. 15
 - HUD Second Review – due Sept. 15
 - “Base Building” with Rapid Rehousing Agencies (Oct 14)
 - Cross Cutting Policy Work Group (Oct 22)
- Formal Adoption by CoC Board - November
- RRH Reprocurement and Formal Launch of Standards





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