



Supporting Replication of Housing Interventions in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (SURE Housing Initiative)

The purpose of the SURE Housing initiative is to adapt, implement, and evaluate rapid re-housing for people with HIV. This initiative supports people with HIV experiencing unstable housing among three priority populations who often have the highest HIV-related disparities:

- people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning (LGBTQ+);
- youth and young adults (aged 18-24); and
- people who have been legal system-involved (defined as any person who is engaged at any point along the continuum of the legal system as a defendant including arrest, incarceration, and community supervision).

Ten implementation sites are funded under this initiative (see Figure 1), and each site has chosen to work with one of the focus populations listed above.

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Figure 1. Implementation sites with focus populations



The goal of this initiative is to promote the replication of rapid re-housing in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) to decrease health and housing disparities and improve health outcomes along the HIV care continuum. Rapid re-housing is an evidence-based intervention developed to help people quickly exit homelessness and return to stable, permanent housing.¹ This initiative will engage and retain people with HIV experiencing unstable housing in HIV medical care and support services by addressing their housing, behavioral health, and other needs.

RAPID RE-HOUSING CORE COMPONENTS



Housing navigation to help people experiencing homelessness or housing instability secure permanent housing with a lease in their own name.



Time-limited **rental and move-in assistance** to defray the cost of move-in expenses and rent/utilities for up to 24 months.



Housing stability **case management** to connect participants with resources to help them maintain stable housing; this case management also includes support to connect participants with HIV care and other resources to support their health-related goals.

¹ HUD Exchange. (2014, July). *Rapid Re-Housing Brief*. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Rapid-Re-Housing-Brief.pdf>

The SURE Housing initiative is funded from 2022 to 2026 through the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) RWHAP Part F Special Projects of National Significance Program. Two entities are funded under this initiative:

- **Implementation and Technical Assistance Provider (ITAP)** - Corporation for Supportive Housing, partnering with Collaborative Solutions. The ITAP provides technical assistance (TA) on implementing the rapid re-housing intervention, including hosting Learning Sessions to support intervention implementation and foster peer-to-peer sharing opportunities.
- **Evaluation Provider (EP)** - Boston University Center for Innovation in Social Work and Health and School of Public Health, partnering with JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc., and University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA. The EP leads a mixed-methods implementation science evaluation to examine the adaptation and effects of rapid-rehousing for RWHAP clients.

The project will contribute to the key outcomes shown in Table 1.

Table 1. SURE Housing Key Outcomes

Implementation Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documented barriers, facilitators, and adaptations to the rapid re-housing intervention • Engagement of health care and social service partners • Replication materials regarding implementation, cost effectiveness, and sustainability of the rapid re-housing intervention among people with HIV and the initiative focus populations
Service Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased number of unstably housed individuals receiving rapid re-housing services • Increased housing stability (type, quality, safety) among those who are unstably housed • Reduction in unmet housing and other social service needs
Client Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved housing stability • Increased linkage to and retention in medical care • Increased HIV viral suppression • Improved physical health, mental health, and quality of life

