

Approved – Change to Statewide RRH Policy

From September 2021 Steering Committee Meeting:

DOH Proposal to Change Statewide Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Financial Assistance Policy:

- Month 1: Security and 1st Month's Rent Covered at 100%
- Months 2-6: Tenants pay 30% of net income towards rent [currently 30% only applies to month 2]
- Months 7 to program exit: Tenant pays 60% of net income towards rent. RA will terminate once 60% of net income is equal to rent. [currently the 60% standard applies at month 3]
- If tenant has been approved for PSH or other housing voucher (EHV, Mainstream, HCV, RAP) and is pending transition, tenant's portion will be calculated at 30% until transitioned to permanent subsidy.
- The proposed changes will not apply to YHDP RRH projects.
- DOH is working with Housing Innovations on updating the rent calculation tool and on a RRH Operations Guide which will provide guidance on incorporation of the utility allowance into RRH rent calculations.
- Concerns were raised about requiring DV survivors to pay 60% of income towards rent. Possible additional adjustments may be discussed at a future Steering Committee meeting.

Motion: To approve the proposal; passes unanimously