

MIDD 2 Initiative RR-04: Rapid Rehousing Oxford House Model (NEW)

How does the program advance the adopted MIDD policy goals?

This program primarily addresses the adopted MIDD policy goal of “explicit linkage with, and furthering the work of, other King County and community initiatives.”

The rapid rehousing Oxford House voucher program is an immediate solution for affordable, clean and sober housing option for individuals in recovery who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The program supports the goals of the All Home Strategic Plan, Behavioral Health Integration, Health and Human Services Transformation and the Veterans and Human Service Levy.

This program will prevent and decrease homelessness and improve the self-reliance and increase employment among program participants. This program supports King County’s vision for health care, reflecting the triple aim of improved patient care experience, improved health and reduced cost of health care. As more individuals with substance use disorders receive treatment due to health care reform and system improvement, there will be a greater need for next step housing to bridge the gap between residential treatment and fully independent living.

The initiative pairs a proven residential program with rapid rehousing, a best practice for getting people off the street and out of shelters, while also preventing homelessness.

1. Program Description

◇ A. Service Components/Design (Brief)

Specifically, the initiative will provide vouchers for clean and sober housing for individuals in recovery.

This program will serve adults who are newly in recovery – typically having recently completed a drug and alcohol treatment program – and who would be homeless without this assistance. Individuals will receive rental assistance for approximately three months while they secure employment.

◇ B. Goals

This initiative creates access to rapid rehousing rental support for individuals for whom such recovery support would enable them to regain stability, but may not have chronic conditions that would qualify them for housing assistance through other traditional sources.

◇ C. Preliminary Performance Measures (based on MIDD 2 Framework)¹¹²

1. How much? Service Capacity Measures

It is expected that about 333 people in recovery per year will receive vouchers for Oxford housing at the recommended funding level.

2. How well? Service Quality Measures

- Increased housing stability

3. Is anyone better off? Individual Outcome Measures

- Reduced substance use
- Improved wellness and social relationships
- Reduced unnecessary incarceration, hospital, and emergency department use

◇ D. Provided by: Contractor

All vouchers offered under this initiative will be distributed to community substance use disorders (SUD) treatment providers and managed by existing staff within King County DCHS' Community Services Division's rapid rehousing program, in coordination with King County BHRD.

2. Spending Plan

Year	Activity	Amount
2017	Rapid rehousing vouchers for use in Oxford House settings	\$500,000
2017 Annual Expenditure		\$500,000
2018	Rapid rehousing vouchers for use in Oxford House settings	\$513,000
2018 Annual Expenditure		\$513,000
Biennial Expenditure		\$1,013,000

¹¹² Throughout 2017, review and refinement of Results-Based Accountability (RBA) performance measures for MIDD 2 initiatives will be conducted whenever applicable, in consultation with providers. Updates to performance measures that may result from this collaborative process will be reported in the next MIDD Annual Report in August 2018.

3. Implementation Schedule

◇ A. Procurement and Contracting of Services

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process will result in the selection of participating qualified SUD treatment agencies who will receive these vouchers for their clients to access.

◇ B. Services Start date (s)

Service planning and outcome measurement determination for this initiative will occur primarily in third quarter 2017. Providers will be identified via the RFQ process in third quarter 2017, with services to begin soon thereafter.

4. Community Engagement Efforts

This is a new initiative building from an established program model. Routine community engagement that occurs as part of the process includes regular discussion with Oxford House staff, both locally and nationally.