



Westchester County Continuum of Care Rapid Re-housing Policies and Procedures

1. Rapid Re-housing rent subsidy programs are designed to close the gap between homeless households' income (earned income and subsidies) and the cost of available affordable housing, to allow homeless clients to achieve permanent housing and exit homeless shelters.
2. All newly homeless families and singles in the County will be assessed for Rapid Re-housing rent subsidy programs when they enter the homeless system.
3. In addition to homeless status, the criteria for program entry are: (1) the need for the subsidy to achieve permanent housing and the (2) willingness to work with staff throughout and after the subsidy period to increase income, budget effectively, and increase life skills as needed to foster the sustainability of permanent housing after the subsidy period.
4. All clients will have their income and rent subsidy needs re-certified quarterly.
5. All clients will receive a Case Management service at least once/month.
6. It is estimated that clients will pay about 30%, but not more than 70%, of rental costs based on income, expenses, and household composition.

No client will pay more than 40% of earned income towards their rental housing.

Housing subsidies from other sources can be fully applied to housing.

RRH will close the gap between other housing subsidies and 40% or less of earned income, and the affordable rental market.

7. The rental subsidy will not be provided beyond 24 months. The goal is to terminate rental assistance for all clients after 12 months. Clients will continue to receive voluntary monthly case management services for up to 6 months after the end of the rental assistance period.
8. The policies above pertain to all Rapid Re-housing programs in Westchester County, including those funded by the CoC Program, the ESG Program, and New York State programs.
9. Rapid Re-housing program will be integrated into the Westchester CoC Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System.
10. All HUD guidelines and regulations also apply.