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# Rapid Re-Housing Program

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The Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program began in the City of Chicago as of May 2013. It is funded through the Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds awarded to the City of Chicago. These funds will be used to rapidly re-house all people experiencing homelessness, including families, individuals and youth. The Emergency Fund serves as the System Coordinator for the RRH Program and works with 6 different partner agencies throughout the City of Chicago. The partner agencies deliver case management and housing location services to eligible clients.

## Who is Eligible for RRH?

Households eligible for the RRH program must meet the following 3 criteria:

1. The household must be homeless (in a shelter, on the streets, or in a place not intended for human habitation)
  - a. Doubled-up households are not eligible
  - b. Household must be living in an Interim Housing program
2. The household must have a source of income
3. The household has no other available support

The RRH program is a short-term program. The program can provide up to 8 months of rental assistance. The number of months of assistance is determined by a RRH assessment done for each household. Case management is provided to help people maintain housing.

## How Do I Refer?

Currently, Interim Housing Providers are able to refer clients to the RRH Program. All referrals must be made via the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The only exception are Domestic Violence providers whom do not utilize HMIS. The HMIS Help Desk has detailed information and tutorials on how to complete the referral process. Please visit <http://HMIS.thechicagoalliance.org> for more detailed information.

If your site is not able to access HMIS, please contact the HMIS team at [hmis@thechicagoalliance.org](mailto:hmis@thechicagoalliance.org) for further guidance.

