

**Recovery House Program (RHP)
Questions and Answers 2023.02.16**

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1	<p>We are in the process of developing a recovery house in Crawford County and planning on applying for DDAP licensure, but we have acquired a house that needs some repairs and renovations. I am wondering if we would be eligible to apply for the recovery housing grant as a developing recovery home or would we need to be already established? We are not currently registered with the Department of State, but I have started the registration process.</p> <p>All eligible Applicants shall be any entity registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State which is able to provide recovery housing for individuals recovering from SUD according to Act 59 of 2017 and any subsequent regulations thereafter.</p>
2	<p>In regard to the availability of \$50,000 grants recently announced to assist in recovery facilities upgrades, has the application window opened?</p> <p>All eligible Applicants will need to become licensed by DDAP as a Drug and Alcohol Recovery House as defined in Section 2311-A of the Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S § 613.11) to be reimbursed under this funding opportunity.</p> <p>Yes, the application period is open and will remain open until funds are exhausted.</p>
3	<p>Our facility is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center. We are interested in applying for a grant to improve our services at our 30 bed Substance use disorder unit. We house residents who are discharged from the hospital but cannot go home because they have some sort of skilled need such as wound care, IV anti-biotics, methadone, suboxone or other skilled type needs. It appears to me that we would not be eligible for grant money because we are a licensed as a nursing home but I thought I would ask. This unit is providing a much-needed service to the area hospitals and residents.</p> <p>See numbers 1 & 2 above.</p>
4	<p>An entity may submit for these grants and then if awarded to them they will be reimbursed upon the award amount only and when they become licensed, correct?</p> <p>Yes, all eligible Applicants will need to become licensed by DDAP as a Drug and Alcohol Recovery House as defined in Section 2311-A of the Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S § 613.11) to be reimbursed under this funding opportunity.</p>
5	<p>"Grants up to \$50,000 for a 12-month period beginning July 1, 2022, will be awarded to between 22 and 25 eligible applicants for health and safety upgrades including demolition, debris removal, rehabilitation improvements, environmental remediation costs, and construction and inspections to comply with DDAP's regulations. To be eligible, applicants must:</p>

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	<p>1. Be able to provide individuals recovering from SUD with a safe and supportive drug and alcohol-free environment which may include peer support and other recovery support services;</p> <p>2. Become registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State as a business to provide recovery housing for individuals recovering from SUD according to Act 59 of 2017 and any subsequent regulations thereafter;</p> <p>3. Become licensed by DDAP as a Drug and Alcohol Recovery House as defined in Section 2311-A of the Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S § 613.11) to be reimbursed under this funding opportunity; and</p> <p>4. Permit the use of FDA-approved medications for opioid use disorder on the premises for residents utilizing medication."</p> <p>In regard to the registration and licensing conditions shown in items 2 and 3, must the licensing and registration be in place before the application can be submitted?</p> <p>All eligible Applicants shall be any entity registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State which is able to provide recovery housing for individuals recovering from SUD according to Act 59 of 2017 and any subsequent regulations thereafter.</p> <p>All eligible Applicants will need to become licensed by DDAP as a Drug and Alcohol Recovery House as defined in Section 2311-A of the Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S § 613.11) to be reimbursed under this funding opportunity.</p>
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7	<p>Are you still accepting applications?</p> <p>See number 2 above.</p>
8	<p>I am having difficulty finding the application to this grant. Maybe you can help?</p> <p>Funding opportunity applications can be found on our website at: https://www.ddap.pa.gov/DDAPFunding/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx</p>
9	<p>In regard to qualifying proposals. In order to better comply with record keeping as well as personnel and resident records of all our houses to be licensed, we would like to create a software program that can be utilized by staff and residents. Would this qualify?</p> <p>DDAP is accepting applications from eligible Applicants who will complete demolition, debris removal, rehabilitation improvements, environmental remediation cost, construction and inspections in order to meet Pennsylvania’s Recovery Housing licensure requirements.</p>
10	<p>There are only two allowable budget lines. Is it the expectation of DDAP that any health and safety upgrades for which we would request funding would have to be subcontracted?</p> <p>Two allowable budget categories are described as follows:</p> <p>Consultant Services: This budget category shall identify the services to be provided by each consultant including hourly rate and number of hours to be utilized under this grant. Identify services to be provided. Do not name the consultant(s) that will be retained. An individual who provides professional or services for a fee, but normally not as an employee of the engaging party. The term “consultant” also includes a firm which provides paid professional advice or services.</p> <p>Subcontract Services: This budget category shall identify the services to be provided by each subcontractor under this grant. Identify services to be provided. Do not name subcontractor to be retained. Rates may be subject to the Davis-Bacon Act.</p>
11	<p>It appears that the only two categories that can be funded would be for consultants and subcontractors. Every other category has "This budget category shall not be utilized for this funding opportunity". For example, this verbiage appears at the end of the equipment category. Can this possibly be true?</p> <p>See number 10 above.</p>

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12	<p>Are there going to be any online workshops to help applicants craft proposals?</p> <p>No workshops are planned to assist with applicant proposal development at present.</p>
13	<p>Can you please define what is meant by rehabilitation improvements for this funding initiative?</p> <p>Rehabilitation is defined as any costs (including materials, tools, and labor) associated with improving buildings. This usually excludes routine and/or minor repairs.</p>
14	<p>Is this grant for houses to upgrade their facility to get licensed or can this grant be used to upgrade current licensed houses that need improvement to sustain licenses in the future?</p> <p>See numbers 1 & 2 above.</p>
15	<p>I started renovations to a recovery house in June 2022 to meet DDAP state licensed recovery house requirements. I have all receipts and invoices. This included furnishings and house remodeling, like installing an additional bathroom. Can I include these recent renovations in the budget? If not, these renovations were financed through a 5-year personal loan. Is it acceptable to show the loan payment as an expense in the budget?</p> <p>DDAP is not liable for costs incurred prior to the official start date of any funds awarded.</p>
16	<p>If I apply for the grant and receive it, can I also use the property as an Airbnb when there is no residence contracted?</p> <p>No. The Applicant cannot change the use or planned use of any such property (including the beneficiaries of such use) from which the rehabilitation improvements were made without first contacting DDAP for a period of three years from receipt of funds.</p>
17	<p>In Section 1. Overview, the grant application states:</p> <p>“DDAP has developed a licensure program for drug and alcohol recovery housing within the Commonwealth. While drafting the regulatory requirements and subsequent public comment period, it was noted that existing recovery house facilities may require physical plant upgrades to comply with the proposed regulations. A primary need existed for costs of compliance with health and safety matters and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.</p> <p>Through this funding opportunity Pennsylvania will financially assist those recovery housing program (RHP) applicants who are committed to attaining health and safety needs of a property, including the requirements of the Americans Disabilities Act of 1990, in order to obtain PA Recovery House Licensure. In addition, financial assistance will be made available</p>

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	<p>to Applicants seeking PA RHP licensure to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.”</p> <p>Does this mean we must be looking to create ADA compliant bedrooms and bathrooms to apply for this grant? Meaning wheelchair accessible and first floor bedrooms to be within the requirements to apply?</p> <p>This funding is intended to assist those currently applying for Recovery Home Licensure and those homes which have obtained licensure. The funding provided can be used for physical plant upgrades which may include ADA compliance projects.</p>