

# RAPID RE-HOUSING: SECURING HOUSING FOR SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING

Rapid Re-Housing is a response to homelessness aimed at returning individuals to permanent housing as quickly as possible by providing housing identification, move-in assistance, time-limited rental subsidies, and some case management services. Rapid Re-Housing programs are one example of the Housing First approach and are designed for people who need less intensive interventions and support.

## Benefits of Rapid Re-Housing for Survivors

Housing instability can re-traumatize survivors and put them at greater risk of being re-trafficked or experiencing violence. A quick return to permanent housing can preserve a survivor's ability to connect with supportive services and engage with long-term education and employment opportunities. Rapid Re-Housing can meet the needs of trafficking survivors by providing a flexible rent subsidy, supporting survivor-driven safety planning, and leveraging partnerships between anti-trafficking programs and housing/homeless organizations to provide wrap around services for the survivor. The length of time that rental assistance is provided can vary depending on the program and the individual.

## Is Rapid Re-Housing a Good Fit for Survivors?

Rapid Re-Housing is designed for individuals and families who are likely to maintain housing stability after short-term rental assistance and limited case management support. Survivors who may not have access to stable income in the foreseeable future or need intensive supportive services may not be the best fit for this program.

## Accessing Rapid Re-Housing

Rapid Re-Housing is frequently administered through a local homeless/housing agency under the Continuum of Care. To learn more about this program contact your local Continuum of Care through the [HUD website](#).

## HOUSING FIRST

Housing First is an approach to ending homelessness by providing permanent housing immediately, without preconditions or barriers, such as sobriety, employment, or participation requirements.

Additionally, supportive services are offered, but are not required. Support can range from rental assistance to case management. Each individual will vary in the support they need.

## TIPS FOR ANTI-TRAFFICKING SERVICE PROVIDERS

**Assess Long-Term Housing Needs:** This program can provide time-limited rental assistance. Make sure to work with the survivor to identify a long-term housing plan.

**Wrap-Around Services:** The Rapid Re-Housing program may provide housing referrals and basic case management, but it is crucial that the anti-trafficking program continue to provide specialized services for survivors.

**Securing a Lease:** Survivors who receive Rapid Re-Housing assistance will need to be approved for a lease. You can facilitate this process by working with landlords in your community and serve as a liaison to address barriers to lease approval, or accompany the survivor to appointments with landlords, when appropriate and with the survivor's permission.

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