SACRAMENTO STEPS FORWARD

Ending Homelessness. Starting Fresh.

Q&A: RAPS Access Points RFP

1. This sounds similar to a rapid resolution program. Would that be an accurate comparison?

    Yes, the focus on prevention and diversion is the same. By engaging in problem solving conversations to assist with resolving housing crises, funds can be used to prevent homelessness through finding alternative housing solutions outside of the homelessness system.

2. Is assistance limited to use in Sacramento County only? Is it zip code specific?

    It is limited to Sacramento County only, but it is not zip code-specific.

3. Is this RFP only open to Sacramento CoC organizations or Yolo CoC organizations also?

    It is open to organizations working in and serving Sacramento County.

4. Would the agencies that are selected be required to have a physical location for walk-ins?

    It is not required, but people seeking services would still need to access services in other ways (i.e virtually, by appointment etc).

5. Are there requirements for how short or long the narrative needs to be?

    No, narratives can be any length to best answer the questions.

6. Would a rapid rehousing program qualify as an eligible use of these funds?

    Yes, assistance can be provided towards a RRH program as long as it falls under one of the eligible categories. Please see the list of eligible categories below.

7. Where do we submit the RFP?

    Please submit all RFP responses through the Google form here:
    https://forms.gle/iLRS8BQcNSXmZP419

8. Would clients who have stayed in our programs, including emergency shelter or transitional housing, be eligible for use of the assistance after all other options have been explored and it leads to immediate housing?

      Yes, funds may be used for housing as long as it falls under one of the eligible categories. Please see the list of eligible categories below.

9. Can funding be used for temporary housing, like motel stays where permanent housing is not yet available?

      Unfortunately, temporary housing isn't an eligible item under this program.

10. May we request funding from this grant to expand support during distance learning and expand support for transportation for students when they're back in person? It seemed that most of your examples in the RFP were limited to housing issues.

      Organizations are able to leverage resources as part of the award. But funding for the RAPS Access Point Agencies is limited to housing support and assistance. The $100,000 in funding dedicated to families and homeless youth is part of the second round of HHAP, which will be released in the future.

RAPS Access Points—Eligible Categories

Financial Assistance Category	Required Documents Checklist Documents are required at the time of submitting the request form
Security Deposit	☐ Lease/ Rental Agreement (signature not required) OR Unit certification (only when lease/rental agreement is not applicable) ☐ Property Owner's W-9
Rental Assistance- first month's rent	☐ Lease/ Rental Agreement (signature not required) OR Unit certification (only when lease/rental agreement is not applicable) ☐ Property Owner's W-9
Rental Arrears	☐ Arrears notice from landlord indicating amount owed ☐ Signed lease/rental agreement ☐ Property Owner's W-9
Host Household Assistance	☐ Host Home Agreement Form ☐ W-9 for Host
Application Fees	☐ Application fee request
Eviction Avoidance	☐ Eviction/ Pay-or-Quit notices ☐ Signed Lease/ Rental Agreement ☐ Property Owner's W-9
Employment Assistance (clothes, transportation, automobile repairs)	☐ Proof of current/starting employment ☐ Automobile: Invoice/Estimate/Proof of Pricing
Moving Costs (truck and other expenses)	☐ Invoice/Estimate/Proof of Pricing
Storage Fees	☐ Invoice/Estimate/Proof of Pricing
Debt (that prevents ability to lease)	☐ Loan document ☐ W-9

Furniture and Essential Home Goods	□ Lease/Rental Agreement or Unit Certification OR Host Home Agreement form □ Invoice/Estimate/ Proof of Pricing (if not indicated in the lease)
Return to Residency (i.e. bus ticket, food for travel, luggage and other necessary travel expenses)	□ Invoice/Estimate/Proof of Pricing