

FY22 FRCoC Cover Letter for VHSP Funding

A separate cover sheet is required for each project application.

Applicant

Legal Name: Lisa Crittenden

Type of Applicant (select one): Non-Profit Housing Authority PDC Unit of Local Government

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Application Contact

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Project Name: Rapid Re-housing

Project Type (select one):

- Coordinated Assessment Outreach Emergency Shelter Operations
 Rapid Re-Housing Targeted Prevention Housing Location
 CoC Planning (Only the CoC Lead Agency is eligible to apply for CoC Planning VHSP funding.)

Type of Application (select one):

- Renewal (requesting level or reduced funding for existing project)
 Renewal with Expansion (requesting increased funding for existing project)

Renewal Amount Requested: \$114,574

Expansion Amount Requested:

Approximate number of people this program will serve: 41 HHs/166 individuals

The applicant organization's governing board discussed and/or approved this application for funding at a meeting held on April 13, 2021 (date). If this application has not yet been discussed, it will be discussed at the next meeting of the governing board, which will be held on _____ n/a _____ (date).


The applicant organization named above will act as the responsible fiscal agent for any funds received and will comply with applicable tax laws, regulations, and CoC policies. By signing this application, we agree that we have read and approve of the content of this application.

Board Chair:



Signature 4/19/21
Date

Executive Director:



Signature 4/16/2021
Date

FY22 FRCoC Application for VHSP Funding Outreach; Emergency Shelter Operations; Rapid Re-Housing; Targeted Prevention

Please complete a separate application form for each outreach, emergency shelter operations, rapid re-housing, and targeted prevention project.

Application Information

Type of Application (select one):

- Renewal (requesting level or reduced funding for existing project)
- Renewal with Expansion (requesting increased funding for existing project)

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Line-Item Budget

Please complete line-item budget below. Budget amounts should reflect the VHSP request only.

Note: Renewal projects can apply for renewal HMIS and Administration amounts up to the grantee’s total FY21 HMIS and Administration amounts regardless of 5% and 3% caps. HMIS and Administration amounts across all FY22 project applications will not exceed allowable 5% and 3% caps across the community.

Expansion projects can apply for an HMIS expansion up to the amount where the combined renewal/expansion HMIS request is 5% of the combined renewal/expansion project subtotal and an Administration expansion up to the amount where the combined renewal/expansion Administration request is 3% of the combined renewal/expansion project subtotal.

	Renewal Amount	Expansion Amount
Outreach		
Case Management		
Limited Support Services		
Other (specify)		
Subtotal		
HMIS (up to 5% of subtotal)		
Computer Costs		
Fees and Licenses		
HMIS Staffing		
Training		
Other (specify)		
Administration (up to 3% of subtotal)		
Administration		
Total		

	Renewal Amount	Expansion Amount
Emergency Shelter Operations		
Case Management		
Limited Support Services		
Maintenance		
Rent		
Security		
Supplies		
Utilities		
Other (specify)		
Subtotal		
HMIS (up to 5% of subtotal)		
Computer Costs		
Fees and Licenses		
HMIS Staffing		
Training		
Other (specify)		
Administration (up to 3% of subtotal)		
Administration		
Total		

	Renewal Amount	Expansion Amount
Rapid Re-Housing		
Housing Search & Placement		
Housing Stabilization Case Management	40,000	
Housing Stabilization Financial Assistance	9,297	
Housing Stabilization Services		
Rent Arrears	2,000	
Rent Assistance	53,549	
Service Location Costs		
Veteran Housing Stabilization Financial Assistance		
Veteran Rent Arrears		
Veteran Rent Assistance		
Subtotal	104,846	
HMIS (up to 5% of subtotal)	4,728	
Computer Costs		
Fees and Licenses	561	
HMIS Staffing	4,167	
Training		
Other (specify)		
Administration (up to 3% of subtotal)	5,000	
Administration		
Total	114,574	

	Renewal Amount	Expansion Amount
Targeted Prevention		
Housing Search & Placement		
Housing Stabilization Case Management		
Housing Stabilization Financial Assistance		
Housing Stabilization Services		
Rent Arrears		
Rent Assistance		
Service Location Costs		
Subtotal		
HMIS (up to 5% of subtotal)		
Computer Costs		
Fees and Licenses		
HMIS Staffing		
Training		
Other (specify)		
Administration (up to 3% of subtotal)		
Administration		
Total		

Match

Please indicate sources of match. Match must equal 25% of requested amount and must be spent on eligible VHSP expenses, but does not need to be of the same VHSP Category as the request. Match must be from local or private sources. If the project is requesting partial or full waiver of the match requirement, please explain. (See Page 19 of the Virginia Homeless and Special Needs Housing Funding Guidelines 2020-2022 for full explanation of the match requirement.)

Type	Source	VHSP Category	Amount
Cash	Individual contributions	Rapid Re-Housing	38,208.52
Choose an item.		Choose an item.	
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Narrative Responses

- 1) Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project. (Character Limit: 3,000)**

Loisann's Hope House requests funding from the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program to continue rapid rehousing activities for families and children experiencing homelessness in the Fredericksburg region, which includes the city, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Caroline, and King George. Loisann's Hope House is the region's largest agency to reduce the number of families and children experiencing homelessness. Through a mix of emergency shelter and rapid re-housing activities, Hope House has been working to address family homelessness in the community since

1987. Since the pandemic Loisann's Hope House has more than doubled its services to the community through programs.

Our Rapid Rehousing program is focused on providing permanent solutions —housing, jobs, transportation, and childcare needs so that people can break the cycle of homelessness and become stable within the community. Our emphasis is placed on employment and increased income. Quickly housing and stabilizing children and their families is achieved through the Housing First and no barriers to entry approach. Access to programs and services are not contingent upon sobriety, income level, lack of criminal record, participation in services, and completion of treatment programs, good credit, established financial history, or “housing readiness.” Clients enter the program, and a comprehensive assessment is conducted immediately to understand what is needed in addition to shelter. There are clients that can be stabilized directly into affordable housing without entering shelter. At this time clients may be offered additional services in education, job training, transportation, mental health services, parenting support and childcare.

Loisann's Hope House is the only service provider rapidly rehousing families in planning district 16 exclusive of domestic violence survivors. At present, we have 2 full-time housing case managers whose efforts focus on stabilizing families currently staying in the Thurman Brisben Center, Hope House Emergency Shelter and Rapid Rehousing program. The case management team is trained in best practices such as Motivational Interviewing, Housing Focused Case Management and Trauma Informed Care. Our staff and organization is a key partner in the local community's use of a data driven approach to prioritize housing assistance for RRH and PSH. The prioritization of assistance is determined through a community shared assessment tool which is inclusive of the F-VI-SPDAT. Once the family is prioritized for rapid rehousing assistance, a community-based housing locator, knowledgeable of landlord/tenant law, fair housing and housing focused case management makes connections with local landlords and property owners to help maximize the housing choice among those families experiencing homelessness.

Once the housing unit is identified, the family continues meeting with their case manager to develop goals and understand the challenges they may encounter after move in. In-home case management is provided for the minimum amount of time necessary, but up to 24 months if required by the family's needs. The Housing Counselor will visit and work with the client at least once a month but are prepared to check-in as often as needed to ensure stabilization. Those passing through Loisann's Hope House housing program also gain access to a wrap-around system of care, which heavily focuses on connectivity to community services that ensure long-term stabilization. Long-term, support services provided by Loisann's Hope House remain an ongoing resource for those who have been housed but find themselves without help to work through complicated life struggles.

- 2) If renewal funding is being requested, explain how the project continues to meet a community need. If expansion funding is being requested, explain how the additional funds will increase system capacity and justify the community need for additional capacity. Additionally, please use the table below to provide data that supports your response. (Character Limit: 3,000)**

The COVID 19 pandemic has impacted the lives of LHH's Rapid Rehousing program participants in ways no one could have ever predicted. Roughly 30% of our clients experienced job loss, reduction of hours and income and loss of childcare, exacerbating the hardships already experienced by many of them. Loisann's Hope House has committed to providing a safety net for all RRH clients, particularly as people of color and those with the lowest income suffer disproportionately. Rental assistance was increased and provided over a longer duration delivering financial relief to families on the brink of returning to homelessness. Food, diapers, and other basics essentials such as personal hygiene items are also provided allowing families to weather the storm. Clearly additional funding was needed to support families, and this was evidenced in Loisann's Hope House receiving CHERP funding which allowed us to serve an additional 74 individuals in need. RRH has proven to be an invaluable solution in maintaining the stability of program participants impacted by COVID 19 and homelessness.

	Relevant data, metrics and/or cost analysis
Current Need	Rapid Rehousing VHSP: Total persons served: 63 Adults: 29 Children: 33 Additional funding supported Rapid Rehousing from CHERP: Total persons served: 74 Adults: 31 Children: 43
How Renewal/Expansion Funding Will Meet Need	

Please indicate the breakdown of household types targeted by this project:

	Renewal	Expansion
Households with Children	100%	%
Households without Children	%	%
Total	100%	100%

Certify that the project will adhere to the *FRCoC Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures*, including the following requirements of the document:

- Follow the Housing First model
- Participate in the FRCoC Coordinated Entry Process and/or the Victim Service Coordinated Entry Process (including coordinated assessment for shelter/prevention and prioritization for rapid re-housing)
- Adhere to established project standards (including *FRCoC Rapid Re-Housing Policies & Procedures*)
- Collect data through HMIS or a comparable database

What percentage of households will be served through the Victim Service Coordinated Entry Process (including coordinated assessment for shelter/prevention and prioritization for rapid re-housing)?

	Renewal	Expansion
Households Served through Victim Service Coordinated Entry Process	0%	%

Provide the following data. These numbers will be used to calculate anticipated number of households served by the project.

	Renewal	Expansion
Number of FTE Case Managers Dedicated to Project (could be fraction)	2	

Ideal Caseload for 1 FTE Case Manager	15
Average Length of Stay for Project Participants	136
Average Financial Assistance Cost per Household (RRH/Prevention Only)	3,500
Shelter Beds for Households without Children (Shelter Operations Only)	0
Shelter Beds for Households with Children (Shelter Operations Only)	0
Shelter Units for Households with Children (Shelter Operations Only)	0

Are there any unresolved monitoring or audit findings for any grants operated by the applicant or potential subrecipients? If yes, please explain. (Character Limit: 1,000)

Yes No

Attachments

Organizational Certifications and Assurances (once per agency; template provided)
 DV Renewal Projects ONLY: FRCoC Data Form (each project; template provided)