ADDENDUM NO. 1

Request for Applications (RFA) CED #26-05
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Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) hereby issues Addendum No. 1 to the Request for Applications CED #26-05.

Section I. Notice of Additional Document Added to Solicitation

COIC is providing notice that an additional document has been added to the solicitation materials:
Oregon Housing and Community Services – Oregon Rehousing Initiative Program Guidance

This document is now available and can be accessed along with all other solicitation materials at: https://www.coic.org/open-procurements/

Applicants are responsible for reviewing this newly added document and incorporating any relevant information into their application submissions.

All other terms, conditions, and deadlines of RFA CED #26-05 remain unchanged.

Section II. Responses to Written Inquiries

COIC received the following written inquiries regarding RFA CED #26-05. Responses are provided below for all applicants.

1. Question:
Would rental and mortgage assistance qualify for this grant?
Response:
Under the Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI), eligible financial assistance is tied specifically to Rapid Rehousing activities for households that meet the required homeless status categories at the time of program entry (Categories 1, 3, 4, or 6). Eligible housing costs include rental assistance of up to 24 months per household, security deposits, utility support, and other allowable rapid rehousing expenses.

The Program Guidance does not authorize mortgage assistance as an allowable expenditure. Mortgage support is not included in any allowable cost category and is not identified as an eligible rapid rehousing activity. Instead, ORI funds must be tied to assisting households in obtaining and maintaining permanent rental housing as part of the rapid rehousing model.

Therefore, rental assistance is allowable only for households enrolled in and housed through the ORI rapid rehousing program, and mortgage assistance is not an eligible expense under this funding.

2. Question:
Do low-barrier shelters qualify to apply for this funding to serve people transitioning out of shelter into housing? Can we apply for this for transitional care?

Response:
The Oregon Rehousing Initiative is a Rapid Rehousing–focused program, and eligibility is based on the household's homeless status, not the type of agency applying. Providers, including shelters, may apply for ORI funding so long as they operate a Rapid Rehousing program that adheres to ORI requirements.

Shelter residents who meet eligible housing status categories (e.g., Category 1: Literally Homeless) may be served through rapid rehousing activities under ORI. However, funds cannot be used exclusively or solely to benefit residents of a single shelter. ORI programs must follow broader system standards, including alignment with local Continuum of Care processes, and services must be accessible to eligible households across the community.

Additionally, transitional care or transitional shelter operations are not eligible uses of ORI funds, unless they are part of a Transitional Living Program for youth and young adults as specifically defined in the Program Guidance. Transitional shelter (without a lease/occupancy agreement) is **not** eligible for funding as a housing destination under ORI.

3. Question:
I was wondering what the rehousing period is for these ORI funds if we were to apply and receive this grant. For the prior ORI grant, we had to rehouse households before June 30, 2025, though we could use funds after that period for ongoing rental assistance. For this ORI grant, would the rehousing period only be until June 30, 2026? Would we be able to apply for reimbursement for households rehoused from homelessness after July 1, 2025, retroactively?

Response:
Under the ORI funding supporting this specific RFA, the prior restriction that prohibited rehousing new households after June 30, 2025, has been formally waived by OHCS. This waiver expressly removes the earlier cutoff date and permits new rehousing placements throughout the duration of the grant's Performance Period, which spans July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

As the grant reimburses allowable costs incurred during the Performance Period, any eligible rehousing activity—including initial placement costs and associated services—may be reimbursed if the expense occurs on or after July 1, 2025, and falls within the scope of allowable ORI activities.

-Importantly, this waiver applies only to the 2025–2027 ORI grant funds. OHCS did not modify or alter the rehousing restrictions associated with the 2023–2025 ORI funding cycle. For prior 23–25 funds, the original Program Guidance remains in effect, including the requirement that all rehousing placements occur on or before June 30, 2025.

4. Question:
We have been reviewing this RFP, and it states that rental assistance up to 24 months must be offered, yet half of this grant cycle is already past. Would offering the remaining months from the expected grant award date suffice?

Response:
The Program Guidance provides that rental assistance under ORI may be offered for up to 24 months, but this timeframe represents a maximum allowable duration, not a required minimum. Assistance is expected to follow a progressive engagement approach, meaning the level and duration of rental assistance should be tailored to each household's needs rather than provided uniformly.
The Grant Agreement does not require providers to deliver a full 24-month assistance period in circumstances where the grant timeline or household needs do not necessitate it. Instead, rental assistance may be provided within the bounds of the Performance Period, and for the amount of time appropriate to support housing stability for the household.

Therefore, offering only the remaining months available from the expected grant award date forward is fully acceptable and compliant. Providers are not required to backfill or guarantee full 24-month rental assistance when the program period does not support the full duration or when it exceeds the household's assessed need.