



## Targeted Housing Costs Assistance

### Overview

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act, 2021 [P.L. 116-260] appropriated an additional \$1.65 billion to states through the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) program to assist in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The SABG program is designed to provide funds to States, Territories, and one Indian Tribe for the purpose of planning, implementing, and evaluating activities to prevent and treat substance use disorder (SUD).

To address one of the gaps identified, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will use the Targeted Housing Waiver for SABG Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement (CRSSA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to increase access to recovery support services, more specifically to recovery residences through a one-time funding opportunity. The Native American Development Corporation (NADC) will administer the funds through DPHHS and will utilize an approved methodology to determine eligibility for applicants. The total amount of funding for this purpose is \$425,000 and is available through 9/29/23.

### Eligibility

1. An applicant must be Recovery Residence Alliance of Montana (RRAM) certified.

### Parameters

1. Funding cannot be utilized in conjunction with any tenancy support vouchers that have been received in lieu of rent for individuals who are under the supervision of the Montana Department of Corrections.
2. Payments are made to the certified operator directly and not paid to individuals.
3. No home will receive more than \$35,000 in funding.

### Resident Support (Stabilization Payments)

Finding a safe place to live that is free from substances, gaining employment, paying rent, and becoming self-sufficient are all indicative of long-term recovery. During the COVID-19 pandemic, DPHHS and other key partners identified gaps in the behavioral health system that have existed but have been underscored as major needs due to the pandemic. Housing continues to be an area where people with substance use disorders need support. Overcoming financial hardships from the COVID-19 pandemic is an additional barrier to housing for individuals who are transitioning back into the community from an inpatient treatment program, incarceration, or from homelessness.

### Resident Support Allowable Expenses

Funding is available to recovery residence operators to assist residents who have experienced financial hardship by providing rental assistance at a maximum of \$800 per month for 3 months per eligible individual. Funding is available to cover rent through 9/29/23.

### Resident Support

For a recovery residence to provide a safe and stable living environment, a culture of recovery that provides mutually beneficial support must be cultivated and sustained. Promoting access to community support, engaging residents in recovery planning, and employing people with lived experience are key components found in a certified home's operationalization. These standards are often implemented through social model-oriented staff positions and through the promotion of live-in roles.

### Resident Support Allowable Expenses

Funding is available to support housing expenses for resident support position(s) through 9/29/23.

## Application Instructions

NADC will utilize an application developed through ClickUp, which can be found on [nadc-nabn.org](https://nadc-nabn.org) on the announcements page.

- Resident Support applicants will be required to submit a monthly Occupancy Report. A standard form is available on the BHDD website if needed.

- Applications for resident recovery support only require a one-time submission unless the position becomes vacant at which time the applicant is required to notify Lisa James at [ljames@nadc-nabn.org](mailto:ljames@nadc-nabn.org).
  - Applicants must provide name, job title, position description with duties and responsibilities, hours per day or week, and the rate of pay or rental compensation.
    - Examples of allowable positions include Recovery Residence Coordinator, Lead Resident, Live-in Housing Manager, or equivalent. Funds are per home, pending availability.
- Applicants must attest that the information in the application is correct and complete, and that the funding request will be spent for allowable costs.

**CRSSA and ARPA funding is limited and will be available until 9/29/23 or until funding is exhausted.**