



In 2018, the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) conducted a comprehensive analysis of the current behavioral health system in North Dakota. Relating specifically to housing, the study identified two recommendations:

- Address housing needs alongside behavioral health needs
- Promote timely linkage to community-based services following crisis, inpatient, and residential treatment

In consideration of the recommendations for housing outlined in the study, The North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services' Behavioral Health Division received funding during the 66th Legislative Assembly to develop and implement a new Recovery Housing Assistance Program (RHAP). Due to COVID-19, implementation was delayed, and the funding was carried-over to the 2021-2022 biennium. The RHAP program launched in May 2022.

RECOVERY HOUSING PROVIDES

- · Substance-free home environment
- Space to focus on continued growth and healing
- 24-hour peer-led support and connection
- · Resources to support individual life goals

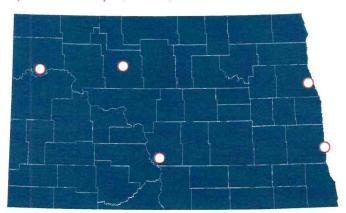
The program pays for up to 12 weeks of an eligible individual's living expenses at an approved Recovery Housing provider.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- · ND Resident and
- · Age 18 or older and
- · Experiencing a substance use disorder and
- Has not been a participant of the program within the last 365 days and
- · One of the following:
 - Currently enrolled in a Department of Health & Human Services Public Assistance Program or
 - Currently enrolled in a Behavioral Health Division substance use disorder or community program or
 - Household income is at or below 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines

CURRENT RHAP PROVIDERS

(as of January 5, 2023)

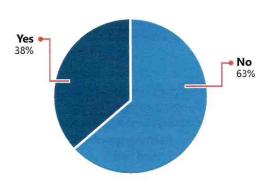


Minot – 1
Bismarck/Mandan – 5
Watford City – 1
Fargo – 2
Grand Forks - 1

177 individuals have experienced the Recovery Housing Assistance Program benefits from May through December 2022

Participants by Age Range

Participants by Tribal Affiliation





69% of participants experienced an improvement in their **employment** status



50% of participants saw an improvement in the impact their **substance use** has on their lives



49% of participants saw an improvement in their mental health

BUDGET

2021 – 2023 budget: \$350,000 general fund Amount spent as of December 5, 2022 (program launched May 2022): \$140,750