



**Butler County  
Mental Health & Addiction  
Recovery Services Board**

**Recovery Housing RFP Frequently Asked Questions  
SFY 2023**

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**1. Who is Recovery Housing for?**

Individuals who are actively seeking long term recovery; individuals who desire a safe and structured living environment with others who share the same goal of sobriety; individuals who desire to participate in supportive services or treatment services to further recovery; individuals at risk for homelessness because they are exiting treatment, incarceration, military duty, or living in an environment that puts them at risk for using substances.

**2. Can requested Capital Funding be used to purchase things like furnishings, beds, and dressers?**

Yes, this would need to be included in your budget request and overall proposal as prepared for the Board.

**3. Can you require that residents be required to be in treatment while in the Recovery Housing Program? Can residents be required to attend treatment at the agency who owns the Recovery Housing Program?**

The way your program is set up, you can allow clients to be engaged in treatment while they are in recovery housing, but recovery housing is recovery housing, meaning that treatment can't be a requirement. So if they have completed their treatment, they've done IOP, they've done residential; as long as they're engaging in supportive services (how you define those in your program) then they are eligible to remain in recovery housing. The goal is for residents to build on their recovery community even post treatment. There are Ohio Revised Code statutes for recovery housing that review some of this standard. Additionally, recovery housing must be open to all those who qualify and the individual must be able to choose any treatment provider, regardless if an agency owns the program.

**4. So in the past, Ohio Recovery Housing has had a fairly long wait list to get someone out to certify the house, look at all of your paperwork, and there's been a lack of folks to come out and do the physical inspection. Do you know if that's sped up at all?**

The ORH certification is a priority, not only for the BCMHARSB, but also for OhioMHAS. The expectation is to obtain certification within 12 months, however if you are in the process and it can be confirmed with Ohio Recovery Housing that you are in the process the BCMHARSB will review exceptions and facilitate the process with ORH. Additionally, in the meantime the BCMHARSB will be making at minimum annual site

visits, however prior to certification these may be increased in order to ensure standards are being met appropriately.

**5. What is the cost of the ORH Certification?**

This information can be found on Ohio Recovery Housing's website at the link:  
<https://www.ohiorecoveryhousing.org/fees>.

**6. The budget requested in the proposal is a simplified budget. If chosen for funding will a more in depth budget and additional forms be requested?**

Yes.

**7. Does the physical location of the Recovery Home have to be located within Butler County?**

The RFP does not require that the physical address of the recovery home be in Butler County, however to be considered the entirety of the program must be reserved for Butler County residents. Locations too far outside Butler County may not be considered due to this requirement. The RFP will give preference to locations in Butler County.

**If you are a Level 2 Recovery Housing Program and accept Vivitrol clients only, would you qualify for the funding?**

Yes. As long as there is a protocol and policy in place that accepts some form of MAT. The BCMHARSB is hoping to create a network of Recovery Housing Providers to fit all client needs, but every provider must create their own structure and policies.

**8. What kind of support services can the Recovery Housing Programs provide to residents? Is case management something that can be provided in the program?**

Case Management that is individualized for the client can occur within the Recovery Housing Program, since that is a community-based service and client dependent. However, no other clinical treatment services can occur within the Recovery Home. Residents must attend these services at their provider. Supportive services such as employment coaching, budget coaching, community resource connection, sober support meetings, house meetings may occur within the Recovery Home as a way to build resources for the residents and create a Recovery Community/Network.

**9. Will the funding in this RFP (or other funding) allow for the Butler County residents to receive Recovery Housing funding and supports while living in other recovery housing units outside of Butler County?**

As mentioned above, the RFP does not require that the physical address of the recovery home be in Butler County, however to be considered the entirety of the program must be reserved for Butler County residents. Due to the structure of the funding for this RFP, it is required that a whole residence be identified as the program. The RFP will give preference to locations in Butler County.

**10. Where can I find the attachments that are referenced in the RFP?**

The Attachments will be set up in an additional link available on the Board's Website.

**11. Why aren't you accepting Joint Commission certification but accepting CARF certification?**

CARF has a division of housing certification that the joint commission does not have. However, CARF truly only certifies level 3 and 4 so additional certification may be needed for a level 2 recovery home.

**12. Does the application for the grant need to be through our nonprofit or can it be through our agency company?**

The board cannot comment as those decisions need to be made internally through the agency.

**13. The RFP document shares that more detailed budget forms will be required if the program is selected, can we rely on this statement or is more required before the selection process is completed?**

At this time, all that will be required for the application is what is stated in the RFP. However, be prepared to answer more detailed questions during the presentation if the committee questions the details of the funds requested. Upon approval, the budget forms as required by our board contract would be required.