

ISAC Housing Subcommittee Recommendation: Intellectual Disability/Autism (ID/A) Supportive Housing Pilot

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Expand Community Living Options

Expand the range of housing options in the community so all people can live where and with whom they want to live. Listening to people with disabilities and their families, providers, and Support Coordinators will help people locate affordable and accessible housing, find house mates, and identify housing resources/supports and other government benefits that, when blended with natural supports, will promote an everyday life.



Purpose:

To further the mission of Everyday Lives by developing an avenue that provides individuals with support to find and maintain homes and communities that are truly their own.

Objectives:

1. Establish efficient and effective practice related to housing subsidy management to provide affordable accessible housing to individuals with ID/A enrolled in ODP ID/A HCBS programs.
2. Understand demand for and trends related to subsidy needs.
3. Inform policy and procedures for permanent statewide ID/A housing subsidy program.

- Individuals must be registered for ODP services in the county/joinder for the pilot project.
- Housing subsidies will be available for individuals in need of financial assistance to secure and maintain accessible and affordable housing.
- Supportive services to obtain and maintain the housing must be available to individuals that receive subsidies. Supportive services may be provided through any of the following:
 - Supported Living provider
 - HTTS provider
 - Supports Coordination Organization with expertise in housing and willingness to manage and assist

- ODP distributes funding and maximum number of housing subsidies available to 6-10 counties/joinders (covering rural, suburban, exurban, and urban areas.)
- Pilot evaluated at 12 months for statewide expansion
- County/joinder must have one or more of the following to participate in pilot:
 - Supported Living services available
 - Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services available
 - An SCO that can provide Organized Healthcare Delivery Services (OHCDS), has an SC with expertise in housing, and is willing to manage the subsidy payment on behalf individuals
 - Another mechanism for subsidy payments and housing support for individuals (for example, a cooperative agreement with county housing authority)

- Pilot supports capacity building for supportive housing through:
 - County/joinders without Supported Living and/or HTTS available must commit to provider development within the county/joinder
 - Counties/joinders must have a plan ensure that capacity is built to establish a choice of providers.
- One-time innovative challenge funding available to participating counties.
- Counties/joinder must collect and submit data to ODP on subsidy prioritization and utilization.
- Funding Source - HCBS Augmentation Fund

County/joinder uses below criteria to prioritize individuals for subsidies:

- People who want to transition from licensed or unlicensed residential habilitation settings to their own place.
- Individuals at risk of losing their housing without financial assistance and housing supportive services.
- Individuals living with relatives in emergency category of PUNS.
- People in crisis without an appropriate housing option (re-entry from prison/jail, in need of supportive housing post hospitalization)
- Individuals with elderly caregivers
- People transitioning from ICFs.

Subsidy Amounts and Calculations

- Evaluation and Re-evaluation for individual subsidy amounts is based on Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standard unless the pilot county has compelling alternative.
- Providers of supportive services will be expected to have a process for alerting pilot county of income/circumstance changes.

Conditions for Receiving an ID/A Housing Subsidy:

An individual eligible for another subsidy (for example, housing authority, red cross) must accept the other subsidy unless it requires moving to a new home.

• **Revised Final Recommendation**

- ODP implement the ID/A Supportive Housing Pilot as outlined in the December 1 concept document with the agreed upon revisions that include the following:
 - Addition of larger purpose section connecting to EDL recommendations at beginning of document
 - Requirement for capacity building for the providers of supportive services includes target of capacity building to ensure choice of providers
 - Noting specific learning objectives and data collection
 - Include available one-time innovation challenge funding in pilots
 - Re-evaluation for subsidy amounts is based on HUD standard unless pilot county has compelling alternative. Supportive services will be expected to have a process for alerting pilot county of income/circumstance changes.
- Note: The above noted revisions were included in the text on the previous slides.