



Interagency Council on Homelessness
Housing Solutions Committee



18 September 2023



Convention for Recording ICH Committee Meetings:

- ❖ Recording for purposes of complying with the open meeting act requirements
- ❖ Available for anyone who requests a copy at ich.info@dc.gov.

Meeting Agenda



- I. Welcome & Agenda Review (10 mins, includes 5 min icebreaker)**
 - a) Icebreaker – CSH PSH Pipeline Survey
 - b) Intros & Call for Announcements
 - c) Adopting Meeting Notes & Managing the Listserv
- II. System Check-In – Central Unit Repository (15 mins)**
- III. Discussion Items (60 mins)**
 - a) Rent Reasonableness (30 mins)
 - b) Annual Priorities & Projects (30 mins)
- IV. Announcements & Reminders (as needed)**
- V. Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)**
 - a) Next HSG Solns Mtg: 10/16 from 2 – 3:30 pm
 - b) Next ICH Full Council Mtg: 10/17 from 3 – 4:30 pm, pre-meeting from 1 – 2:30 pm
 - c) ICH Call for Nominations deadline has been extended to Friday 10/22

Ice-Breaker: DC PSH Pipeline Survey

Purpose: To obtain an estimate of the number of PSH units in the development pipeline in DC and understand the support developers might need in producing those units.

Questions:

1. Do you plan to submit a project to the 2023 Consolidated RFP?
2. If so, how many PSH units do you expect to include? (an estimate is fine)
3. Do you plan to submit a project to the 2024 Consolidated RFP?
4. If so, how many PSH units do you expect to include? (an estimate is fine)
5. If you don't plan to submit a project to either RFP, why not?

We will report the results back on the next Housing Solutions call.

Questions or Additional Comments?

Contact shiri.yadlin@csh.org or pamela.agava@csh.org

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/zz4ipWakNK>



[csh.org](https://www.csh.org)

Intro & Call for Announcements



❖ Intros:

- Chat intros for attendees: name, pronouns, org, title/role
- Quick round of hellos from Co-Chairs and ICH staff with formal roles leading or supporting meeting
- **Callers, use *3 to raise your hands so we can see you and call on you to introduce yourself –this allows us to check that your audio works and that you can hear us.**

❖ Call for Partner Announcements/Reminders:

- Please “chat” any significant partner announcements, especially those changes/updates that impact the system
- We will make time on the agenda, as appropriate, or include in the notes

Adopting Notes & Managing the Listserv



❖ Adopting Prior Meeting Notes:

- Automatically adopted unless meeting attendees flag issues
- Generally, ICH team sends out meeting notes within a week
- Please review as soon as possible and flag any errors/issues
- If we don't hear back within a week, assuming good to adopt

❖ Managing the Listserv:

- Meeting materials are only distributed to listserv members
- If you are not on the listserv, you will not receive materials
- To join the listserv, email ich.info@dc.gov

FDBK on Agenda, Icebreaker or Housekeeping



Feedback:

- ❖ Confirmed as applying:
 - Ed Villard
 - Bruce Finland

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Central Unit Repository (CUR)

Department of Human Services
Central Unit Repository

Username or Email

Password

Log In

[Forgot your password?](#)

Environment: Staging

[Register \(For Landlords/Property Managers/Realtors\)](#)

For CUR Managers, Case Managers, and Housing Navigators, you must submit the [User Agreement](#) to create

- Searchable platform of housing units in DC available to residents using a rental subsidy as part of a program within the Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Targeted Affordable Housing (TAH), Rapid Rehousing for Individuals (RRH), Rapid Rehousing for Families (or Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program, FRSP), HUD-VASH
- Developed and launched as a collaboration between the Department of Human Services, The Community Partnership, and DC Interagency Council on Homelessness

The CUR is scheduled to launch in **September 2023!** Please look out for an email announcing registration for landlords soon!

Thank you for your feedback so far!

August CUR Trainings

- 4 trainings held, August 22 – August 29
- Number of users trained:
 - Housing navigators & case managers: 206
 - Landlords/housing providers: 85

Feedback incorporated

- ✓ Incorporate rent reasonable assessment – **discussions in progress with Affordablehousing.com**
- ✓ Integrate with DCHousingSearch.org to enable unit upload into both systems – **discussions in progress with Emphasys**
- ✓ Adjust language and optionality for utilities and amenities section – **completed**
- ✓ Adjust language and options on allowed pets -- **completed**

Thank you for your feedback so far! Please continue to share feedback with the CUR manager, Tynisha Allen, at Tynisha.owens@dc.gov.

FDBK on Central Unit Repository Update



Q&A:

- ❖ **Q:** Can you share how will the CUR be used in the CAHP process and matching?
 - **A from DHS:** Do not anticipate to be used as part of CAHP process, more for when someone is already matched to a subsidy and is looking for a unit.
- ❖ **Q:** What the earliest can we review data on CUR utilization?
 - **A from DHS:** DHS can determine a plan for data review once know the launch data and number of case managers anticipated. Will bring proposed approach to Hsg Solns CMTE within the next few months.
- ❖ **Q:** Is there a process for accountability? For example, what is listed in the CUR versus what the unit actually includes.
 - **A from DHS:** Yes, the posts will be validated by the CUR manager. There are also ways to send feedback/concerns through the CUR or to DHS.

FDBK on Central Unit Repository Update



Q&A:

- ❖ **Q:** How does the CUR intersect with the LRSP program to ensure coordination for voucher holders? Will it be clear which units are available for certain types of subsidies?
 - **A from DHS:** Working to sync the CUR with DHCD's dchousingsearch.org so that listings and updates can be synced up.
- ❖ **Q:** Can you share more about how the rent reasonable assessment will be incorporated into CUR? I just want to stress how useful it will be in helping folks get housed if these two systems can talk to each other.
 - **A from DHS:** We are working to integrate the two systems (affordablehousing.com and the CUR) so that we can confirm rent reasonableness before units are uploaded into the system. We are not sure that that integration will be fully functional for the launch but completely appreciate it's critical for the platform's usability and success, so are working to ensure it's incorporated as soon as possible.
- ❖ **Q:** Director Green - Are the ADUs the units listed on the website that have a waiting list; that are usually closed?

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Purpose & Background



Purpose:

Get your feedback on 3 key areas:

1. What is the specific challenge you have encountered?
2. How is it impacting you?
3. Do you have a recommendation/solution to share?

Background:

- ❖ New process for new and existing leases as of 07/01
- ❖ DCHA engagement sessions underway (Sept)
- ❖ Lots of feedback across system check-ins that the community wants to discuss the impact of the new policy



Instructions for Breakout

Area	Notes
Format	4 randomly selected breakout rooms
Facilitation	ICH Team Members: Eileen, Jill, Synina and Theresa
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 mins for orientation• 20 mins for Group Discussion• 5 mins for Report Out
Discussion Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is the specific challenge you have encountered?2. How is it impacting you?3. Do you have a recommendation/solution to share?
Discussion Time	Assuming ~ 60 participants 15 participants per breakout room 1 mins per participant of discussion time

Discussion on Rent Reasonableness



What is the specific challenge you have encountered?

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How is it impacting you?

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Do you have a recommendation/solution to share?

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Parking Lot (Other Related Concerns/Questions)

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Discussion on Rent Reasonableness (Breakout Room #1)



What is the specific challenge you have encountered?

- SC (COH):
 - Added amenity form. Encountering “Wifi included” amenity that is not included in the form.
 - Biggest challenge is the paperwork client receives has the max that could be covered versus what is reasonable in the neighborhood.
 - Calculation by DCHA has been pretty quick once LL has whole packet submitted! Have had a few go through first time, have had a few LLs willing to lower.
 - Heavy lift to get LLs to complete packet fully, though no significant changes in packet to knowledge. Only new form was amenity form.
- AS (Everyone Home DC): Agree with SC above. Not being able to check rent reasonableness directly is a challenge. Do check on the free tool but it is not aligning. Some confusion about the higher cap number and frustration that it is not the number to operate from.

How is it impacting you?

- Have to pay application fees, etc. before confirm if they can rent the unit, so risk losing application fees or paying multiple fees for multiple units.
- PA (CSH) in meeting directive, created stress in other areas: on service provider, client. Understanding directive in terms of system coordination to roll out policies without collateral damage. Does DCHA see this as iterative process and continue improvement.

Do you have a recommendation/solution to share?

- Add wifi included to amenity form!
- More information/reference material to understand rent reasonableness for providers and clients. 1) what the family can afford based on household and 2) what is reasonable for the selected unit.
- Circulate slides from Landlord Engagement Group more widely. DCHA also updating FAQs.
- Is it possible for providers to simulate DCHA calculation? i.e. input based on details from LL.
- Can the determination be moved earlier in the process? Even as provisional?

Parking Lot (Other Related Concerns/Questions)

NE (DC Council): Qxn on calculation process. HG (DCHA) clarification that there is a public facing portal, but DCHA access adds the additional information for more accurate calculation to approve/deny. Need the info from the landlord (including amenities) to confirm.

Discussion on Rent Reasonableness (Breakout Room #2)



What is the specific challenge you have encountered?

- MB- not clear guidance, putting money out for rent tools and not knowing if the unit is rent reasonable or not. Seems not fully familiar with how to determine RR. Landlords are showing letters stating what was agreed upon and DCHA didn't know. Slowing down the process.
- RB- feels that DCHA is organizing people out of certain neighborhoods. Landlords can't meet the RR and it moves people out of neighborhoods. Less selection.
- AW- How do we understand reasonableness.
- FS- it seems to be a HUD issue
- CH- access to the housing affordability website. Training on what rent reasonableness is now.
- RB- how is it actually determine

How is it impacting you?

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Do you have a recommendation/solution to share?

- MB- The affordability website- can landlords go in and determine if RR beforehand.
- RB- How can clients and CMs research units ahead of time.
- MB- looking at how other jurisdictions are doing this.
- KC- spoke to what others are doing and some based on client income and some how we used to do. DC seems to have made it much more difficult and it worked much better before.
- MB- before it seemed that some of the neighborhoods were undervalued.

Parking Lot (Other Related Concerns/Questions)

- AW- Why is it called reasonableness and not affordable? Emphasis on coordination with Mayor's board on poverty.
- Ishan- enforcement- calculation was done wrong, what does the accountability look like. And what is the appeal process.
- RB- how is this enforced with landlords that might take advantage. Specifically, if LL use this to not accept vouchers.

Discussion on Rent Reasonableness (Breakout Room #3)



What is the specific challenge you have encountered?

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- 1.) Issues being over amount, and landlords missing paperwork.
- 2.) Unsure of knowing if sections of the application are missing.
- 3.) Inconsistency in providing services to clients.

How is it impacting you?

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- 1.) The challenge is time. The new process is taking longer.
- 2.) Lack of clarity on if a unit is comparable.
- 3.) Need a better system, to compare units within the system.

Do you have a recommendation/solution to share?

- 1.) Up to date contact forms, update emails on DC Housing Authority website.
- 2.) Is there a path to understand, the rate the prior renter paid, in order to understand if, a new tenant can qualify for the new unit.

Parking Lot (Other Related Concerns/Questions)

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- 1.) Landlords are being helpful.
- 2.) Assistance with seniors, who may need Medicaid assistance. Integration of services.

Discussion on Rent Reasonableness (Breakout Room #4)



What is the specific challenge you have encountered?

RE: didn't understand the specific of Rent Reasonableness until I was denied. Once I was denied, I asked questions and got more details. If I had more details in the beginning, I would have been able to pick a unit that was rent reasonable

BH: we have to complete an RFTA package before we can determine rent reasonableness, which makes it hard to support the client determine which units they like and whether those units meet the threshold. Threshold changes daily as the system gets more datapoints on units. Landlords have been saying no to updating their rents.

AG: Strain on the relationship with Landlords. Landlords are say they don't want to work with us and tenants will have to move.

LP: felt like we had made lots of progress in relationship with landlords but now some of the landlords don't want to work with us.

How is it impacting you?

RE: I would not have lost my application fees if I had known what was likely to be rent reasonable vs not.

BR: application fees and rent reasonableness.

LP: client who wanted to live near his brother but cannot because landlord will not adjust rent (by a couple of hundred dollars).

Do you have a recommendation/solution to share?

RE: Case Managers need to be more transparent. Clients need to be copied on emails about rent reasonableness.

RW: focused on the process. The PSH pipeline dedicated to homeless services should all meet the rent reasonableness requirements. Recommendation that the New Communities Initiative also be rent reasonable as well.

BR: Need to know what the rents are up front.

Parking Lot (Other Related Concerns/Questions)

BH: clients confusing Payment Standard and their 30% of income (the max allowable rent payment) as the rent the HA would be paying on their behalf...

Report Out on Breakout Sessions



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Purpose & Background



Purpose:

Get your feedback on the proposal to focus ICH forums on

1. Identifying Demand
2. Managing/Expanding Supply
3. Expediting/Improving Access and
4. Maintaining Quality

Background:

- ❖ As part of the annual update, we must focus on the 3 to 5 things we can reasonably advance over the next year or two
- ❖ Housing Solution is the forum for advancing housing that is dedicated to homeless services

Instructions for Breakout



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Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 mins for orientation • 20 mins for Group Discussion • 5 mins for Report Out 			
Discussion Questions	Focusing on priorities/projects that advance our legislated mandates:			
	1. Identifying Demand	2. Managing/ Expanding Supply	3. Expediting Access	4. Maintaining Quality
Discussion Time	<p>Assuming ~ 40 participants</p> <p>10 participants per breakout room</p> <p>2 mins per participant of discussion time</p>			

Discussion on Annual Priorities/Projects



Identifying Demand – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- Target populations: PSH Plus, Deeply Affordable Housing
- Target locations: all 8 wards
- Target units: studio apt vs 1-brdrm apt; large units (3+bedrooms)

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Managing/Expanding Supply – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- Capacity Building for mission-driven & black/brown developers

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Expediting Access – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- E.g., Metrics on time from voucher approval to lease-up
- Metrics on Occupancy/Utilization and Turnover

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Maintaining Quality – esp for Consolidated RFP pipeline

- E.g., Inspection standards and outcomes

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Discussion on Annual Priorities/Projects (Breakout Room #1)

Identifying Demand – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- **Target populations: PSH Plus, Deeply Affordable Housing**
- **Target locations: all 8 wards**
- **Target units: studio apt vs 1-brdrm apt; large units (3+bedrooms)**
- AS (EHDC): Takes longer to identify larger units. Would need to explore this more - do families prefer to have portable voucher, prefer house, etc.?
- CS (TCP): Consideration for ADA.
- HG (DCHA): Any insight on fully accessible unit versus accessible features is helpful. Flag for CUR, housing search systems.
- AS (EHDC): Larger units tend to be available in Ward 7 & 8. Need to understand where else families would want to live and need for larger units in all wards expanding choice!

Managing/Expanding Supply – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- **Capacity Building for mission-driven & black/brown developers**
- PA (CSH): RFP coming out on more frequent/regular schedule. More funding = more units. And within Consolidated RFP, extra points for prioritizing PSH, deeply affordable housing.

Expediting Access – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- **E.g., Metrics on time from voucher approval to lease-up**
- **Metrics on Occupancy/Utilization and Turnover**
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Maintaining Quality – esp for Consolidated RFP pipeline

- **E.g., Inspection standards and outcomes**
- EW (KCCS): Emphasis on safety. Number of residents want to relocate due to safety issues in their neighborhoods. (Operating DHS PSH for context).
- CC (DHS): Echo safety. Preventative versus reactive response. Moves may only be approved currently once has already reached a particular level of threat/violence.

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- PA (CSH): Wherever ICH has the most centralized power that is where priorities should lie! Wherever we can make the most impact is the most helpful. Engaging in this work and not seeing wins happen can be discouraging. Go where the power is! Create momentum to encourage others to join effort.



Discussion on Annual Priorities/Projects (Breakout Room #2)

Identifying Demand – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- CH- PSH Plus- not just medical but also behavioral needs. Fair Housing- landlords finding ways to limit ways that clients can apply to units.
- RB- Needing some type of subsidy but not needing services.
- AW- feels that most youth want PSH, but he doesn't agree.
- Ishan- PSH Plus, health and housing would be his priority. Collocating health services at PSH projects and unit-based PSH.
- AW- health options for youth as well. Spaces that are trauma informed.
- MB- focusing on other than medical.
- FS- PSH Plus, need more housing solutions for those that don't qualify for PSH. The deeply affordable housing with no services.
- RB- Prioritizing the Deeply Affordable (also rename this) that actually meets the incomes of people experiencing homelessness.

Managing/Expanding Supply – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- RB- what all resources did we get including those outside of ICH.
- AW- 1st priority
- DP- how are we increasing supply. Need to figure this out so we aren't displacing other people.

Expediting Access – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- RB- access is the most important.
- AW- second priority

Maintaining Quality – esp for Consolidated RFP pipeline

- AW- this is important how are we maintaining quality of units and the system quality of applying to a unit.
- RB- this would be priority 2

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- RB- statement from ICH or Housing Solutions that housing is a human right. Reviewing some of the things the Mayor is doing on her own.

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Discussion on Annual Priorities/Projects (Breakout Room #3)

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Managing/Expanding Supply – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- **Capacity Building for mission-driven & black/brown developers.**
- 1.) Determine the role, the ICH group, can play integrating agencies in moving policies forward, while also playing a role in developing funding streams.
- 2.) Developing funding for small developers.

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Expediting Access – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- **E.g., Metrics on time from voucher approval to lease-up**
- **Metrics on Occupancy/Utilization and Turnover**

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Maintaining Quality – esp for Consolidated RFP pipeline

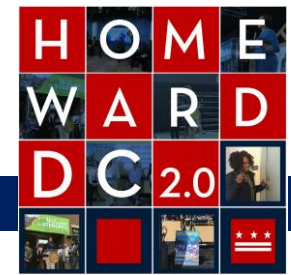
- **E.g., Inspection standards and outcomes**
- 1.) Rental insurance included with the voucher.
- 2.) Standard square footage for family units.
- 3.) Develop better training for staff.
- 4.) Helpful, if we can re-examine building code requirements for affordable housing, assisting small scale developers.

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...Where is the reminder of the funds going to, if the person is not utilizing the entire amount on the voucher. An individual can use the excess funds, for furniture, and other living expense. Use this process as a tool to develop skills to live independently.





Discussion on Annual Priorities/Projects (Breakout Room #4)

Identifying Demand – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- **Target populations: PSH Plus, Deeply Affordable Housing**
- **Target locations: all 8 wards**
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LA: onsite medical to allow for aging in place (PSH Plus) & Deeply Affordable Housing that is focused on the single adult population that is unlikely to match to PSH, including SRO models.

BR: agree that we need to prioritize options for folks that are not likely to match to PSH, including TAH

Managing/Expanding Supply – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- **Capacity Building for mission-driven & black/brown developers**

JK: because we have limited bond financing, will likely need more sponsor-based opportunities and ways of directly leveraging LRSP like leasing/master leasing. What is the creativity that we need to create integrated housing?

AG: Abode Services in Santa Clara, CA used to do master leasing in case you wanted to reach out to a program who used that model (maybe you already have, but wanted to share just in case)

RW: leveraging the **Tax Revision Commission** to ensure we have an LRSP program that is fully funded to meet the needs of homeless services and beyond (focus on rent-burdened District residents)

Expediting Access – esp for Con RFP pipeline

- **E.g., Metrics on time from voucher approval to lease-up**
- **Metrics on Occupancy/Utilization and Turnover**

RE, BR & LA (x2): one portal for accessing all information and ensuring visibility for clients.

Maintaining Quality – esp for Consolidated RFP pipeline

- **E.g., Inspection standards and outcomes**

BR: concerned about inspections and outcomes

Parking Lot

AC (Woodley House): CAHP Referrals are very slow. We are getting referrals from tenant-based vouchers. We have 9 referrals.

AG: additional wrap-around services for tenant-based resources.

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 - a) DC Central Kitchen Engagement ***NEW***
 - b) Friendship Place: Anti-Racism Training
 - c) HCS: RELiEF Program
 - d) Homeless Youth Count (HYC) 2023 ***Underway Now***
 - e) ICH: Full Council Call for Nominations ***Extended to 10/20***
- V. Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)

DC Central Kitchen Engagement *NEW*



Special event for agencies who partner with DCCK in order to promote DC Central Kitchen's Culinary Job Training program, assisting individuals in learning culinary skills to become self-supporting.

Please RSVP via email if you will be attending:

- lcorbin@dccentralkitchen.org
- tvinson@dccentralkitchen.org



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Friendship Place: Anti-Racism Training



Join Friendship Place this fall for the [2023 Anti-Racism Training Series](#), to learn how we can grow and advance anti-racist causes in our shared community.

- ❖ [Session 1: Sept 13 - Defining Racism](#)
- ❖ [Session 2: Sept 27 - Re-defining the Timeline and Progression of Racism and White Supremacy](#)
- ❖ [Session 3: Oct 11 - White Privilege & White Fragility/Guilt](#)
- ❖ [Session 4: Oct 25 - Global Perspectives: Native-American Issues](#)
- ❖ [Session 5: Nov 1 - Global Perspectives: Latino Issues](#)
- ❖ [Session 6: Nov 8 - Global Perspectives: Asian-American Issues](#)
- ❖ [Session 7: Nov 15 - What is Anti-Racism?](#)



HCS: RELiEF Program

Background:

- ❖ Housing Counseling Services (HCS) financial education and rental incentive program
- ❖ Recommending as resource for households exiting RRH and/or otherwise independently leasing
- ❖ Program can serve up to 80 households, only 18 are enrolled so far!

Referral Process

- ❖ Referral form will be sent with ICH meeting materials,
- ❖ You can also email relief@housingetc.org for more info and to submit referrals

Timeline: Program ends 12/31 so aiming to enroll households quickly so that can receive full 3 months of assistance.

Housing Counseling Services: Participants must be willing to engage in one counseling session which will include a credit pull (soft pull and no cost to the client).

The RELiEF Program

RELiEF (Rental Emergency Lifeline/ Eviction Fund) is a financial education program to help tenants in DC to stabilize their housing and develop savings habits. **The program will award participants who make on time rental payments \$600 per month up to a total of \$1,800 over a three month period.** This money can be used to start an emergency savings fund to prepare for unexpected expenses and minimize their impact on your housing.

How it works:

Once enrolled, RELiEF will award participants \$600/month (up to a total of \$1,800) for each month during the 3 month period of enrollment for which proof of an on-time rental payment is provided. Participants must work with a certified housing counselor on budgeting, saving, banking, and credit repair. Housing counselors will assist participants in the creation of an individualized savings plan with concrete next steps, with the goal of using the incentive payments to start an emergency savings fund.

Program requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the RELiEF program, you must meet the following:

- Live in DC and have lived in your current unit for a minimum of 6 months
- Demonstrate ability to make on-time rental payments going forward
- Commitment to work with a housing counselor to develop a housing plan, credit report evaluation, individualized budget and savings plan
- Commitment to share rental payment history for 12 months after the program ends
- Document housing instability at some point within the last 12 months
- Currently at or near a \$0 rental balance
- Household income no greater than 60% area median income
- Have rent that is no more than 50% of your monthly income
- You may not participate in the program if you pay income based rent

***Enrollment into the RELiEF program is extremely limited, HCS will evaluate applications on a rolling basis until all spots are filled. Application submission does not guarantee enrollment.**

Contact us to find out more today!

✉ Email us at relief@housingetc.org

☎ Call us at 202-900-9461

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ICH: Full Council Call for Nominations



Purpose: Announce the process for official membership as a community representative on the ICH Full Council convened quarterly.

Background: Four (4) categories of voting members represent the community, and the following seats are vacant or expiring across the four categories:

- ❖ **2 advocate seats** to represent organizations that advocate for the District's homeless population;
- ❖ **2 business/private sector seats** to represent organizations that have resources or expertise to contribute to addressing homelessness in the District;
- ❖ **2 lived experience seats** to represent homeless or formerly homeless individuals;
- ❖ **5 service provider seats** to represent organizations providing services within the District's Continuum of Care for homeless services.

Details:

- ❖ [Click here for the Nomination Submission Form](#) open until 10/20!
- ❖ Self-nominations only, please.

Meeting Agenda



- I. Welcome & Agenda Review (10 mins)
- II. System Check-In – Central Unit Repository (15 mins)
- III. Discussion Items (60 mins)
- IV. Announcements & Reminders (as needed)
- V. **Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)**
 - a) Next HSG Solns Mtg: 10/16 from 2 – 3:30 pm
 - b) Next ICH Full Council Mtg: 10/17 from 3 – 4:30 pm, pre-meeting from 1 – 2:30 pm
 - c) ICH Call for Nominations deadline has been extended to Friday 10/20

