

Temporary Interim Gap Housing

EXHIBIT A

- **Funding Request: \$9,000,000**
- Temporary interim housing for individuals and families as they look for housing units and/or await a permanent housing subsidy
- Services to be procured through MHID. Applicants will be required to be consistent Housing First program principles and offer low barrier immediate access to individuals, families, and youth
- The purpose of emergency interim housing is to provide a safe and supportive environment for individuals and families as they complete the application process to secure the appropriate permanent housing placement
- Initial assessments will connect the participants to ongoing support services that will follow them into their permanent housing placement. On site support services will be provided to increase the effectiveness of the program.
- This gap housing is short term in nature and temporary as an option in our housing crisis resolution system, 90 days -up to 1 year.
- With current Point-In-Time Count numbers averaging 1900 people, providing safe and secure housing options, connecting people to support services, while address their housing goals is vitally important to ensure that vulnerable participants are accessing social determinants of health needs
- These services will be provided using the disaster response mobile units, hotels and faith based partners
- This will create 3-4 more housing navigation sites to assist with housing 300-400 of our most vulnerable individuals
- All locations will be staffed around the clock and include security

Responses to Temporary Interim Gap Housing Questions

- **Q: Can you comment more on very low barrier national best practices?**
- **A:** The housing first approach is a low barrier approach to both services and housing. Individuals served by housing first do not have to meet any pre-treatment requirements, such as participation in psychiatric treatment or substance abuse treatment as a precondition for enrollment into the program. They simply have to qualify by being chronically homeless and having multiple disabling conditions. The low barrier approach also applies to the housing component of the program. Individuals are offered immediate access to housing without any transitional housing or other housing preparedness or readiness programs. Individuals go directly from the streets, shelters, jails, or hospitals into a place of their own. They are supported by frequent visits from supportive services providers.
- **Q: How does this work with supportive services? How do all of these work together?**
- **A:** Housing First has two components: 1. Support and treatment services 2. The permanent rent subsidy (Vouchers, Shelter plus care, or other HUD rent subsidies). These two components are fused together so that each person who receives housing also receives services.
- **Q: Who is the coordinating agency? Do they have a fee?**
- **A:** MHID will be the coordination agency but the RFP may be issued by a nonprofit healthcare partner . All grants have administrative funding which is usually 10%