

Notice of Funding Availability
The SFY 2026 ARH Program
April 27, 2026

ALASKA RECOVERY HOUSING PROGRAM
Funding Available Under
HUD Recovery Housing Program

Application Deadline: 4:30 p.m. Alaska Local Time,
May 22nd, 2026

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. GENERAL PURPOSE

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) was allocated U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Recovery Housing Program (RHP) funds to support Alaskans recovering from substance use disorders. These funds will be used to provide individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder stable, temporary housing.

Up to four (4) awards will be made to proposals that support vulnerable Alaskans recovering from substance use disorders (as defined in Section 15) by providing stable, transitional housing for individuals in recovery.

Alaska Recovery Housing Program Proposals

Alaska Recovery Housing (ARH) program funds will be used for the purpose of supporting low- and moderate-income Alaskans (as defined in Section 15) in recovery from substance use disorders on a path to self-sufficiency by providing 6-12 months of temporary housing with the goal of exiting into permanent housing.

ARH funds will be used to make payments for lease, rent, utilities, fees, first and last months' rent, rental application costs, and other associated costs, for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing on behalf of an individual in recovery from a substance use disorder. An individual in recovery may be assisted for up to 12 months or until the individual locates permanent housing, whichever is earlier. *Applicants are responsible for certifying an individual's eligibility in meeting ARH's definitions of Substance Use Disorder and Recovery as defined in Section 15 of this NOFA.*

2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits, local governments, Alaska Native Tribal Organizations, or Alaska Regional Housing Authorities that serve Alaskan communities. Organizations must be in "good standing" with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and demonstrate that their services will address existing gaps in their community. Please see grant application forms for more information.

Applicants can consist of the following:

- i. Individual organizations, or
- ii. Collaborative Community Applicants

3. AVAILABLE FUNDING

AHFC anticipates approximately \$1,100,702 will be available through this SFY26 NOFA for up to four (4) new projects. Applications are welcome from any community in the state. Eligible proposals may request up to \$275,175.50 for Alaska Recovery Housing program awards.

Final funding availability is subject to confirmation at time of award.

4. DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

Applications must be sent via email to bhap@ahfc.us no later than **4:30 p.m. Alaska Time, on May 22nd, 2026**. Applications may **NOT** be submitted via telefax or hard copy. Call 907-330-8255 for questions related to submitting the application. The official time for application submittal will be documented by notification email by AHFC. Only applications that have been submitted by the deadline will be considered for funding. The application form can be found at the following website: <https://www.ahfc.us/pros/homelessness/current-funding-opportunities>

5. PROPOSAL COSTS

AHFC will not reimburse recipients of an ARH application package for costs incurred in preparation of a response to this NOFA, nor any subsequent modifications. Any/all costs incurred by the applicant in preparation of this application, including travel and personal expenses, are to be borne by the applicant and may not be charged as an expense of meeting the terms of any subsequent grant agreement, if any.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

By submitting an application, an applicant accepts all terms and conditions of this NOFA and those contained in AHFC regulations 15 AAC 154.010 – 15 AAC 154.910. If an ARH grant is awarded, the applicant's proposal will become part of the grant agreement. The applicant also agrees to the following:

- i. Requirement that each awardee must spend at least \$82,500 of their ARH grant funds by **September 21st, 2026**. An awardee that is unable to demonstrate the capacity to spend funds may be at risk of a decrease in overall grant funding subject to AHFC review for resource reallocation in order to meet Federal expenditure deadlines.
- ii. Awardees will comply with HUD's lead-based paint rules (Lead Disclosure; and Lead Safe Housing (24 CFR part 35)), and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (40 CFR part 745)).

Proposals and other materials submitted in response to this NOFA become the property of AHFC and may be returned only at AHFC's discretion. Applications are public documents and may be inspected or copied by anyone after they have been reviewed and rated, and a Notice of Intent to Award has been issued by AHFC. Financial statements included in the application will be considered to be public information unless the applicant specifies in writing that the financial statements remain confidential.

7. MISSTATEMENTS

If the Corporation determines that a grant recipient has made a material misstatement relating to the grant recipient's application for, or administration of, a grant, the Corporation will, in its discretion, require the grant recipient to repay the grant to the Corporation, together with accrued interest on the amount of the grant calculated at the highest rate allowed by law from the date of issuance of the grant check(s) by the Corporation.

8. RESERVATIONS

AHFC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications in whole or in part. An application may be rejected by AHFC if an applicant is considered a "non-responsible bidder." A non-responsible bidder is one who has failed to comply with NOFA requirements; who has failed to perform under any previous grant, tax credit allocation, or loan; who has previously failed to perform properly or to complete on time projects of a similar nature; or who habitually and without cause neglected the payment of bills or otherwise disregarded obligations to subcontractors, material suppliers or employees.

AHFC may modify any of the terms of this NOFA. If, before the award, AHFC determines the modifications to be material, all applicants will be given an equal opportunity to modify their applications in only those specified areas designated by AHFC.

9. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Applicants and their principals, including all agencies represented in a community collaborative, who are currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in any Federal, State, or AHFC programs, are not eligible to receive funds under this NOFA. In addition, the applicant is responsible to ensure that each contractor and subcontractor performing work on the assisted housing is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in any Federal, State or AHFC programs. See the federal "Excluded Parties Listing System" at www.sam.gov.

10. MINIMUM REQUIRED WRITTEN STANDARDS

Applicants are responsible for establishing and consistently applying written standards for providing program assistance. If funded, applicants will be monitored for compliance with these standards. At a minimum, these standards should include the following:

A. Eligibility

- i. Policies and procedures for determining program eligibility;
- ii. Policies and procedures for admission, diversion, referral, and discharge of all program participants, including standards regarding length of stay, if any, and safeguards to meet the safety and housing needs of special populations, e.g., victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking;
- iii. Policies and procedures for assessing and prioritizing individuals' and families' recovering from substance use disorders; and
- iv. Policies and procedures for coordination among other providers (e.g., emergency shelter providers, wrap-around service providers, substance use treatment providers, and housing providers).

B. Evaluating Housing Interventions

- i. Standards for determining what percentage or amount of rent and utilities costs each program participant must pay while receiving services;
- ii. Standards for determining how long a particular program participant will be provided with rental assistance and whether and how the amount of that assistance will be adjusted over time;
- iii. Standards regarding the length of stay for temporary housing, and safeguards to meet the safety and needs of special populations;
- iv. Policies and procedures related to Rental Assistance payment standards; and
- v. Standards for determining the type, amount, and duration of housing stabilization and/or relocation services to provide to a program participant, including the limits, if any, on the assistance related to recovery that each program participant may receive.

C. Program Operation

- i. Policies and procedures for addressing program participant grievances; and
- ii. Policies for data security.

11. ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Alaska Recovery Housing Program funds may be used to make payments for lease, rent, utilities, and associated costs (e.g., fees), for the purpose of providing stable, temporary housing, on behalf of an individual in recovery from substance use disorder. These

payments may not be made directly to an individual. These payments must result in a new service. **This funding cannot be used to offset costs for *current* recovery housing rental assistance costs but must assist in the creation or expansion of recovery housing projects.**

HUD requires that this program benefits low- or moderate-income individuals (definition in Section 15) in recovery from a substance use disorder. Applicants must verify income status (as defined in Section 15). **Cost or other limitations on the program participants shall not be prohibitive for low-income persons, and shall not benefit moderate-income persons to the exclusion of low-income persons.**

i. Rental Assistance

- a. Direct costs paid to third-party for short-term rental assistance. *Note: rental assistance is limited to no more than 12 months per household.*
 - i. Rental assistance may not exceed \$1,220 per household per month.
- b. Direct costs paid to third party for services directly related to housing placement (e.g., move-in deposits, moving costs, and housing applications).
 - i. Housing-related services are one-time start-up costs not to exceed \$2,784 per household.
- c. Direct costs paid to a third party for utilities such as heat, electricity, water etc. *Note: utility assistance is limited to no more than 12 months per household.*

ii. Administrative Costs

- a. Not to exceed five percent (5%) of Alaska Recovery Housing Program costs awarded, per HUD.
- b. Administrative activities must be directly associated with the implementation of this grant (e.g., office supplies...) *Note: administrative activities **can only** cover salary for staff directly working with participants in their program OR directly providing financial and narrative reporting related to this program.*

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- i. Services provided exclusively to a particular religious or racial/ethnic group.
- ii. Shelters where occupancy is involuntary (e.g., correctional facilities, mental health hospitals, etc.).
- iii. The purchase or repair of motor vehicles, equipment (including computer equipment), personal property, or furnishings not permanently attached to a building, except when such vehicles or equipment are utilized for fire protection.
- iv. Projects not related to assisting individuals in recovery of substance use disorders.
- v. Any service previously paid from other funding sources (applications **must** be for new services only or result in a quantifiable increase in pre-existing services).
- vi. Permanent Housing Placement (PHP), Permanent Supported Housing (PSH) or long-term scattered-site housing exceeding twenty-four months (LTH).
- vii. Administrative projects to address homelessness response.

- viii. Rental assistance to support individuals in AHFC-assisted housing programs (public housing, vouchers, etc.). Contact the Program Manager, prior to administering assistance, if clarification is needed to determine eligibility.
- ix. Use of facilities or equipment for political purposes or to engage in other partisan political activities.
- x. Budget line items funded under any other program.

12. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each Alaska Recovery Housing Program application submitted to AHFC for consideration must, at a minimum, include the following uploaded attachments. *Note: Applications will be scored based on Evaluation Criteria described in Section 13 of this NOFA.*

- i. Completed agency cover sheet provided by AHFC.
- ii. Completed Alaska Recovery Housing Program application by the organization requesting funding;
- iii. Completed narrative addressing each of the following (2 page maximum). *Note: This is a separate document requirement from the application.*
 - a. Describe in detail your community needs.
 - b. Describe how many individuals you plan to serve (including demographic data to support).
 - c. Explain how you will implement the program to address community need(s), including:
 - How you will conduct outreach for clients;
 - Organizations you plan to partner with on this program and how;
 - How you will track and report on the individuals served; and
 - **How you will certify that clients meet LMI standards (must meet the federal standard as described in Section 15 of this NOFA).**
 - d. Explain your relationship with local property owners, substance use treatment providers, and businesses and how you will leverage these relationships to establish housing security for your clients. Please include any information on how you will determine the appropriateness of housing placements.
 - e. Describe your plan to transition clients to permanent housing.
- iv. Completed ARH Program budget in the format provided by AHFC;
 - i. In your budget, please explain how you will expend at least \$82,500 of the award by September 21st, 2026. You may attach a timeline (no more than one page) or provide a text response directly in the form provided by AHFC.
- v. Minimum policies and procedures clearly indicating the components mentioned in Section 10;
- vi. Provide an organizational chart to include all board members, with job titles present; and
- vii. A board resolution authorizing the agency receiving funds. Must be submitted to AHFC prior to award. Drafts may be submitted provided an approved version is received within 6 months of the application deadline from the organization's governing body authorizing the grant request (a sample resolution is available for download with the application form). Exception: If the applicant is a municipality,

only the signature of a municipal official with the authority to apply for the grant is required.

Failure to provide the required information or failure to submit information in the correct format may be cause for rejection of an Alaska Recovery Housing Program grant application or a point reduction of the total score.

Please see attachments for Application Forms.

13. EVALUATION CRITERIA & REVIEWS

Each application submitted prior to the application deadline will be subject to a "threshold" review. **Applications that do not meet the threshold requirements, as determined by AHFC, will not be considered further in the NOFA process.**

The threshold review consists of the following:

- i. The application was received by the deadline stated in section 4 of this NOFA;
- ii. AHFC has determined that the applicant is a “responsible bidder” as described in section 9 of this NOFA;
- iii. The application forms provided by AHFC are entirely completed (with N/A appearing in areas that may not apply) and signed by the applicant’s authorized representative;
- iv. The application contains the required resolution from the applicant’s governing body as described in section 12 of this NOFA; and
- v. Demonstration of a financially feasible program as determined by AHFC and/or review committee.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applicants are expected to submit a program narrative (no more than 2 pages) in addition to all completed application forms, all of which will be scored by the below Evaluation Criteria. AHFC will distribute application materials electronically to members of the review committee.

Scoring Criteria	Maximum Points
Assessment of Need:	
Project clearly documents the need/issue	15
Project demonstrates that it will not supplant existing services and will meet the requirement to serve low- and moderate-income households	10
Project includes responses for special populations including DV and human trafficking	10
Total Assessment of Need	35
Project Impact:	
Project demonstrates readiness to proceed and expend funds within 2 months	15
Project demonstrates capacity to collaborate with state, local, or regional providers	10
Project demonstrates measurable outcomes	10

Total Project Impact	35
Project Feasibility:	
Applicant demonstrates capacity and experience to carry out the project including experience providing services to individuals in recovery from substance use disorders	15
Overall project cost effectiveness and reasonability	15
Total Project Feasibility	30
Total Score	100

14. AWARD FACTORS AND GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES

A. AWARD FACTORS

- i. Reasonable geographic distribution throughout the state.
- ii. Levels of funding necessary, based on AHFC's sole determination, to result in a financially feasible project.
- iii. Program activities are aligned with the identified community need and prioritized to maximize the resources available to the organization.
- iv. The Planning Department will prepare recommendations to the AHFC CEO for funding consideration. The CEO has the authority to award funding based on statewide distribution.
- v. To prioritize geographic distribution, awards will be limited to one per community. If funds remain once the one award per community condition has been met, remaining applications may be awarded based on total rating.
- vi. After the applications have been rated, the CEO of AHFC shall approve the funding decisions. The CEO may use selection criteria other than the point ranking criteria to make the final funding awards. The final funding awards will be announced in an intent-to-award letter sent to all organizations that passed the threshold review.

B. GRANT AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants will be notified if any additional information is needed before preparation of a formal grant agreement. The successful applicant's work plan, timelines, and budget may be modified by AHFC based upon additional information received and final Legislative appropriation for the funding cycle.

- i. Program funds awarded may be revoked or recaptured, at AHFC's discretion, for:
 - a. Violation of program rules, regulations, or statutes;
 - b. Inability of the applicant to complete the project on time, or benchmarks listed in grant agreement;
 - c. Failure of the applicant to meet expenditure timelines, deadlines, or other reporting requirements during the implementation phase of the project; and
 - d. Fraudulent activities; performance on previous AHFC financed or funded projects; or knowingly misleading AHFC through actions or statements concerning the award of funds.
- ii. If AHFC determines that the award of ARH funds must be revoked or recaptured the Grantee will receive a written explanation detailing the following items:

- a. The reason for the action;
 - b. The federal or state rules, regulations, or statutes violated; and
 - c. Remedy for the action; and the appeal process that is available to the recipient.
- iii. The Grantee shall establish and maintain a separate record of all financial transactions associated with AHFC grant activities. In addition to any reports and data required under other parts of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee shall submit the following reports described below to AHFC. In addition to instructions contained in the body of this Grant Agreement, Grantee must follow instructions on the pertinent forms.
 - a. Quarterly Reports of Grant Progress. Progress reports are required to be submitted to AHFC based on calendar quarters.
 - b. Final Grant Reports. Within ninety (90) days of project completion or the end of the grant performance period, whichever occurs first, the Grantee shall provide to AHFC a final report.
 - c. Failure to submit two (2) or more reports will constitute a performance finding that may result in suspension or termination of the grant or point deductions in future grant competitions.

15. DEFINITIONS

Administrative Costs:

- i. Salaries, wages, and related costs for grantee staff whose primary responsibilities involve program administration, developing systems for ensuring compliance with program requirements, preparing reports and other documents related to the grant, performance of financial management responsibilities related to the grant and coordinating the resolution of audit and/or monitoring findings;
- ii. Administrative services performed under third party contracts or agreements such as accounting services and audit services; and
- iii. Public information activities, such as notices to announce availability and eligibility criteria for homeless services.

Individual in Recovery:

A person that is in the process of change through which an individual achieves abstinence and improve health, wellness and quality of life and strive to reach their full potential.

Low- and Moderate-Income Persons (LMI):

Individuals or families earning at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). You may access more information on HUD's website: [CDBG Low- and Moderate-Income Data - HUD Exchange](#).

Additional LMI certifications under § 570.200(a)(2):

- 1) *Area Benefit:* If your program is available to all the residents in a particular area where at least 51% of the residents are LMI.

- a. Applicants will provide census data that indicates their census area is comprised of 51% or more residents under 80% AMI.
- 2) *Certification of Housing Status*: Applicants can administer questionnaires to each applicant declaring if any of the following housing statuses apply (each indicator listed has income limits of 80% or less):
 - a. The client receives an AHFC-funded voucher
 - b. The client resides in public housing
 - c. The client resides in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) or Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) affordable housing
 - d. The client receives housing assistance from a Regional Housing Authority
- 3) *Presumed LMI*: If your program exclusively serves a group of persons in any one or a combination of the following categories who are presumed to meet LMI standards:
 - a. Abused children
 - b. Battered spouses
 - c. Elderly persons
 - d. Adults meeting the Bureau of the Census' Current Population Reports definition of "severely disabled"
 - e. Homeless persons
 - f. Illiterate adults
 - g. Persons living with AIDS
 - h. Migrant farm workers

Applicants can certify that clients meet a presumed LMI status through documentation requirements like a letter from a Domestic Violence or Homeless Shelter, copy of photo ID for age verification, or a verification letter from a medical provider for disability status or persons living with AIDS.

Substance Use Disorder (SAMHSA):

The recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causing clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.