

June 18, 2023

## Letter of Intent

On behalf of LEAHC (dba Housing Help of Lenawee), whose mission is to advance the housing stability and affordable opportunities for low-income people, especially those in crisis or at risk, please accept this Letter of Intent for the Housing Navigation Program (HNP) under the HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), MSHDA.

LEAHC has been providing housing programs and services to the Lenawee County community for 32 years and is currently funded to provide services of Rapid Rehousing to community members who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

Attached is a separate Project Application for your review with a brief description of the program and staffing, data to show the number of households (individuals and families) that were served in a year within LEACH's Rapid Rehousing Program, as well as a breakdown of allocations for the funds requested.

LEAHC would like to ask for financial support from MSHDA funding for the HNP initiative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Claudia Annoni Executive Director

Attached: Project description



# Housing Navigation Program (HNP)

#### **Program Description:**

The Housing Navigation Program (HNP) will provide support services to community members (individuals or families) who apply for rapid rehousing or who are newly housed with vouchers or other programs. The Housing Navigator will maintain a close relationship with case managers from the shelters in the area, in order to provide immediate connections for their residents to housing resources.

## Staffing:

LEAHC (dba Housing Help of Lenawee) will be opening the position of Housing Navigator (HN) to the current staff, as well as recruiting from the outside. LEACH will encourage candidates with lived experience and/or from underrepresented communities to apply. The HN will provide compassionate, caring and culturally conscious services to individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness. The HN will use techniques to ease the often stressful searching or maintaining housing while addressing client's personal needs, preferences and barriers to achieving housing. The HN will be in contact with Landlords, and will attend the quarterly "Conversation with Landlords" event facilitated by LEACH (on-going)

#### **Prioritization:**

The prioritization for households to receive services through HNP will be based on the Coordinated Entry System (CES). Currently the Lenawee CoC has a Subgroup working on updating the CES and the HNP will be adapting those changes as they are completed.

#### Data:

The number of households (individuals and families) served in the Rapid Rehousing (RR) Program between 10/01/21 to 09/31/22

• Households who apply for RR: 212

## Grant allocation for two (2) years: \$90,000

Activity	Description	Allocations
Housing Navigator (HN)	The HN will provide support services to community	\$80,250
	members (individuals or families) while searching or	
	maintaining housing, and will assist with connecting	
	them with all resources to maintain housing stability	
Mileage	The HN will submit mileage reimbursement for traveling	\$750
	to assist client, meeting with landlords, etc.	
Administration of the	Accounting staff	\$9,000
grant		
	Total	\$90,000