Recovery Housing Funding Options

There are several areas where you can look for funding to support recovery housing programs in your community. Some funding sources are more general across the state/country, while others will be more specific to your communities.

Some groups that may provide funding include:

- United Way
- Continuum of Care
- Salvation Army
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Fraternal organizations
    - Freemasonry
    - The Elks
    - The Moose
    - Modern Woodmen of America
- Health systems
    - Early Intervention
    - Case Management
    - Outpatient Treatment
    - Intensive Outpatient Treatment
    - Withdrawal management and medical stabilization
    - Residential Rehabilitation
- Local coalitions

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offers the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program which is available for landlords and tenants. This program works with the local Public Housing Authority and is also known as the Section 8 housing vouchers. This program provides a level of protection for both the landlord and the tenant.

In-Kind Support

In-kind support is when someone volunteers to give you a service, supplies, or help for free. When opening a recovery house, in-kind support can be provided in a variety of ways. Some examples include house upkeep such as plumbing and electrical, supplies for the house such as furniture, or general maintenance such as landscaping and snow removal. In-kind support can also be provided to individual residents through haircuts, training classes, laundry services, etc.

Some groups that may provide in-kind support include:

- Private businesses
  - Plumbing
  - HVAC
  - Security
- Lowe's and other big box stores
- Community organizations
- Faith-based groups
- Civic clubs

Long-term funding for recovery housing will come from renting to a variety of tenants. This aligns with the traditional tenant-landlord model. Money from rent will be used to cover mortgage, taxes, general repairs, and anything leftover will be profit/reinvested into the property.

If you have additional questions or would like specialized support for your community, please reach out to the Center for Community Engagement directly for TA support by clicking here!

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