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What is Recovery Requires a Community?

Recovery Requires a Community helps individuals diagnosed with mental health or substance use disorders by providing financial assistance for transitioning from nursing facilities to sustainable community living. This OhioMHAS program provides resources to individuals by supporting person-driven transitions to integrated community-based settings with supportive services.

What are the program's eligibility criteria?

Individuals interested in applying for Recovery Requires a Community should be:

- Currently receiving treatment in a nursing home and planning to transition to the community;
- Enrolled in Medicaid;
- Have a behavioral health diagnosis (includes serious and persistent mental illness and/or substance use disorders); and interested in ongoing support in the community based upon his or her diagnosis.

Please note that interested applicants must submit a signed Release of Information and program application before discharging from the nursing home.

How can Recovery Requires a Community funds help?

Funds can be used in many ways to help individuals transition to the community when no other funding sources are available. Funding requests are approved on a case-by-case basis and examples include:

- Housing assistance (time-limited or one-time back payment of arrears);
- Utility assistance (one-time back payment of arrears or time-limited assistance);
- Non-clinical, non-Medicaid support services, such as independent living skills training and peer support; and





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- Other needs that will support the individual's ability to be self-sustainable in the community.

What is the application process?

All program forms are available on the program's webpage at <http://mha.ohio.gov/RRaC>, which include the Release of Information and the Program Application. The Release of Information should be submitted to OhioMHAS prior to completing the Program Application, and both forms should be submitted via encrypted email recovery@mha.ohio.gov or fax (614) 488-4504.

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How does Recovery Requires a Community work with HOME Choice?

The HOME Choice program helps transition eligible individuals from institutions to home and community-based settings, where they receive services and supports. During discharge planning, HOME Choice may identify individuals who could benefit from Recovery Requires a Community. Individuals who choose to participate in both programs must be in need of additional community supports for which HOME Choice funding has been exhausted.

Should individuals enroll in HOME Choice before applying to Recovery?

Individuals choose whether to apply to Recovery Requires a Community, HOME Choice, or both. However, individuals are strongly encouraged to apply for HOME Choice at the same time or before applying for Recovery Requires a Community.

How do I learn more about Recovery Requires a Community?

Program Information is available on the OhioMHAS website at <http://mha.ohio.gov/RRaC>. For more information, please email recovery@mha.ohio.gov or call (614)466-1064.

