Can I submit an additional application after I transition to the community?
Additional assistance may be needed to help someone remain in the community. A new application must be submitted to Recovery Requires a Community detailing the additional need and a plan for sustainability. These additional requests will be reviewed by Community Transitions staff on a case-by-case basis, and must be directly linked with continued sustainability within the community. Initial applications along with a signed release of information must be submitted prior to discharge from the nursing facility.

What should I expect now that I have received funding from Recovery Requires a Community?
Recovery funds are to be utilized to support transition back to the community from a nursing facility. The agency representative who worked with you to complete the application will be making purchases for the funds awarded and seeking reimbursement. If there is a change in your status within the community (such as returning to a nursing facility), please ensure that the agency representative with whom you worked is aware so they can communicate with Community Transitions staff.

I have more questions about Recovery Requires a Community. How can I learn more about the program?
You can contact Recovery Requires a Community at *recovery@mha.ohio.gov* or (614) 466-1064. More information about Recovery can also be located online: *www.mha.ohio.gov/rrac*.

Available outreach
For agencies or nursing facilities interested in learning more about Community Transitions programs at OhioMHAS, please contact Community Transitions at (614) 466-1064 for additional resources or to discuss local training opportunities.

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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.

Am I eligible for Recovery Requires a Community?
An individual is eligible to apply for Recovery if he or she meets the following criteria:

- Currently receives treatment in a nursing home and wishes to transition to the community;
- Is enrolled in Medicaid;
- Has a behavioral health diagnosis (includes mental illness and substance use disorders); and
- Wants to have ongoing support in the community based upon his or her diagnosis.

What kinds of services can be applied for through Recovery Requires a Community?
Applications can be completed for the following items:

- Short-term housing assistance;
- Utility arrears or short-term utility assistance;
- Supplemental independent living assistance (such as homemaker/personal care services or independent living skills training);
- Start-up household goods such as furniture or groceries;

- Home modifications;
- Other, uncategorized needs that will directly contribute to an individual's sustainability following transition (reviewed on a case-by-case basis).

All items or services being sought must be directly linked to the applicant's sustainability and successful recovery in the community.

How much financial assistance can I receive through Recovery Requires a Community?
Funding amounts are determined on a case-by-case basis by looking at the needs and challenges of one's transition back to the community.

How can I connect with Recovery Requires a Community?
A release of information (ROI) and application that are signed by the individual or legal guardian (when applicable) must be submitted by email (*recovery@mha.ohio.gov*) or fax (614) 488-4504 prior to discharge from the nursing facility. Forms and instructions are available at *www.mha.ohio.gov/rrac*.

Individuals are encouraged to apply as soon as possible while planning their transition from the nursing home. OhioMHAS may only accept Recovery applications and ROIs when submitted prior to discharge.

Who reviews the Recovery Requires a Community application?
A Mental Health Administrator within Community Transitions at OhioMHAS reviews all submitted ROIs and applications, and then may ask questions about the funding request. Once all of the information is gathered, a recommendation regarding funding is made to the Community Transitions Administrator who makes the final determination. The Mental Health Administrator will then contact the service provider who submitted the application to discuss whether Recovery funds will be available and next steps.