

Universal Design Conversation

November 30, 2023

ND Housing Finance Agency

Competitive application process -Applicants awarded points based on an Allocation Plan

Federal/State Funds

- Low Income Housing Tax Credit
- Housing Trust Fund
- Housing Incentive Fund

Some save the date info. There are two opportunities to provide specific input on the allocation plan. Public input meeting and then the allocation plans comment period and hearing.

January 22- public input meeting- community needs.

This is a good place to bring information on needs of those you serve.

Allocation Plans Comment Period 02/14/-03/01

Allocation Plans Public Input Hearing 03/06/2024

Annual Action Plan comment period 04/12/-05/13

Discussed during the 11/30/23 with ND Housing Finance Agency

- NDHFA HIF Allocation Plan and Future LIHTC Plans Design
- Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards

Reviewed comparison document of the two different standards.

Discussed ND Housing Financing Agency need to provide more clear expectations.

The biggest take aways from our conversation last week.

1. Kitchen cabinet design options. Lower mounted cabinets vs. the UFAS requirements. What is a good description of the best design features for you?

UFAS Requires this work surface and that the base cabinet under any sink needs to be removable so it can be modified to roll under I think.

2. Bathroom- roll shower in vs fold transfer seat type features.

3. Accessible dumpster or a reasonable accommodation plan if no dumpster is available from distributor. – is this enough.

4. No step access to patio, balcony and terrace. Or threshold no higher than $\frac{3}{4}$ " or $\frac{1}{2}$ " in new construction

BSI has indicated that it would just be best if we adopt the entire UFAS checklist, which is quite technical in nature.

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Maximum Amount of HTF Assistance Available Per Application Closing Date

Round 1: September 30, 2023 Up to \$3,066,413

Round 2: September 30, 2024 Balance of available HTF assistance, if any

The National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is a federal program, administered by the states, to support the development and preservation of affordable rental housing for extremely low-income households, including homeless individuals and families.

The organization or agency that submits an application to NDHFA for funds to carry out the HTF project must be an eligible recipient. Eligible recipients include units of local, state, and tribal government; local and tribal housing authorities; community action agencies; regional planning councils; nonprofit organizations, and for-profit developers.

The North Dakota Housing Incentive Fund (HIF) supports the development of affordable multi-family housing units for low- to moderate-wage workers, the state's aging population, individuals with disabilities, and persons at-risk of homelessness.

Local, state and tribal governments; local and tribal housing authorities; community action agencies; regional planning councils; and non-profit and for-profit developers are all encouraged to explore developing with HIF.

ADRL Flexible Transition and Diversion Services

This is a temporary service funded through March 31, 2025, by the American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Home & Community-Based Services (ARPA HCBS) Funds.

The purpose of the grants/pilot programs is to enhance, expand and strengthen in-home and community-based services in North Dakota to help people live independently.

	Quarter One: 01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	Quarter Two: 04/01/2023 - 06/30/2023	Quarter Three: 07/01/2023 - 09/30/2023	Quarter Four: 10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023	TOTALS	
Referrals Per Grant Population Summary						
Child	0	3	4	5	12	1.55%
DD	8	10	16	1	35	4.52%
Elder	24	35	46	38	143	18.48%
PD	102	112	172	198	584	75.45%
Total	134	160	238	242	774	100.00%
Referral Source Summary:						
Assisted Living Facility	0	0	0	1	1	0.13%
Basic Care Facility	3	6	8	3	20	2.58%
Community: Already in Home/Apt	18	31	44	53	146	18.86%
Community: Moving to New Location	26	40	63	33	162	20.93%
Domestic Violence Shelter	18	16	20	20	74	9.56%
Facility (Other)	2	0	0	2	4	0.52%
Homeless	4	6	11	9	30	3.88%
Homeless Services/Shelter	16	6	23	34	79	10.21%
Hospital	5	10	10	8	33	4.26%
Mental Health Treatment	1	3	6	0	10	1.29%
ND State Hospital	2	1	0	0	3	0.39%
Nursing Facility	7	5	9	9	30	3.88%
Other	2	1	1	1	5	0.65%
Prison/Jail	0	1	0	0	1	0.13%
SUD Treatment	26	33	39	64	162	20.93%
Transitional Living	4	1	4	5	14	1.81%
TOTAL	134	160	238	242	774	100.00%

Total Referrals:

Through 12/13/23: 774

308 of the referrals for Diversion assistance.

- Transitions: 183
- Diversions 98

Changes and Updates

- The service does not help someone who is experiencing homelessness or in a homeless shelter.
- Services will only be provided to one person in each household.
- Households will be assisted one time unless special circumstances exist.
- Qualified individuals without income to sustain community living will not be assisted with location of housing or moved to another location until such time as they have established a sustainable income to maintain community living. This can include income from employment, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability Insurance, or other similar ongoing income sources.
- Only expenses directly related to the transition or diversion will be approved.
- Expenses considered for entertainment only (tv, gaming systems or similar devices) will not be approved.

Transition Service Eligibility

- Does not otherwise qualify for the Money Follows the Person Grant or one of the other state transitions services.
- Moving from a qualified provider operated group facilities (Group Living Location) to a home and community-based setting
- Moving to a Qualified Community Residence
- This service does not assist with community transition from a correctional facility or from a homeless shelter.

Diversion Eligibility

- a. Assists individuals with disabilities in direct threat of long-term institutionalization to remain in the community. (Nursing Home, Basic Care, Assisted Living, or Intermediate Care Facility for individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disability)
- b. Living environment is found to be inhabitable based on an inspection from a local housing office or inspector, and their continued habitation at the residence would be dangerous.
- c. Change in physical health or physical disability results in the need for an accessible housing unit.
- d. Individual identified by HCBS CM as a target population member.
- e. Individuals with a Developmental Disability Program Manager that is moving from a family home into the community.
- f. This service does not assist with individuals experiencing homelessness.