

Landlord Mitigation Program FY 24

Background:

In partnership with Stepping Up Ohio, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services have set aside approximately \$378,000 to pilot a state funded Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund.

Purpose:

The purpose of these funds is to establish a “claims” fund that partner landlords (including RF2 Home Operators) can access to mitigate damages to units without having to submit insurance claims and keep their willingness to rent to individuals with mental illness who continues to **cycle in/out of jail and who have difficulty securing housing because of their illness.**

A Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund Pilot will operate as an insurance program for eligible landlords who rent to individuals and families with long histories of **criminal justice involvement**, have poor rental histories, and have mental illness and co-occurring substance use histories. This Risk Mitigation Claims Fund will encourage landlords to reduce restrictions and feel confident that their investment of rental property will be protected while working with local providers to house people with mental health issues who have histories of jail incarceration.

Allowable Claims:

Landlords may request reimbursement for up to \$5,000 in the following situations

- Tenant abandoned property that incur damages or to lease end (2 month maximum)
- Damage to the physical property that is beyond normal wear and tear and exceeds the deposit

Outcomes Measured:

- Number of current landlords/lengths of time worked with each landlord
- What has been requested/funded
- How many landlords remained willing to partner for this population

Participating Counties & Contacts

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