

## **Interim Housing Grant Questions and Answers**

### **Question 1, March 3, 2008**

How many grants were allocated last year? I assume we would be eligible to apply for funds for the HAVEN program again—

Answer to Question 1:

We had nine grantees last year. Yes, you would be able to apply for the funds again for an existing project. The grant says NEW but that doesn't mean the project has to be new.

### **Question 2-March 11, 2008**

Can we go with apartments instead of houses?

Answer to Question 2:

Yes you can.

### **Question 3-March 19, 2008**

1. Can grant funds be used to pay for professional cleaning services between tenants?

2. Can you define "Household items" - specifically, does this include furniture (such as a bed), personal items (such as towels), and products (such as toilet paper)?

Answer to Question 3

1. The grant funds are not specifically for this service. Whether or not SRS-MH allows this service to be part of your grant, depends on the requested funds we receive from all applicants. If we have funds to allow you to pay for the service, we will grant them to you.
2. Household items contain anything a person needs to set up an apartment i.e. dishes, pots pans, furniture, linens, etc. I would urge you to look for most of these things in second hand stores.

### **Question 4: March 20, 2008**

Is there a cap this year on how much a MHC can request for the interim housing grant? I thought that new projects could request a higher amount and renewals were funded at a lower rate. I could not find anything in the RFP though about how much could be requested. Will the amounts depend on how centers apply or is it limited to a specific number of grants?

Answer to Question 4:

This year, the awards will be based on need and the Fair Market Rent for the area the applicant wishes to cover. If you have a need to rent a two-bedroom apartment for 12 months, look at the FMR schedule at the back of the RFP to calculate the rent based on your county (ies) you want to cover. Interim Housing grant funds will also cover utilities and household items/supplies.

Please keep in mind, the total funds available for the Interim Housing Grant program for FY 2009 is \$127,000. SRS-MH will fund as many projects as need dictates but will keep within our budget. Last year we had nine projects with a total budget of \$92,500.

**Question 5: March 31, 2008**

I was wanting to ask - if we have a letter of intent from a landlord, and for some reason it does not work out. What do we do at that point if we've already been awarded the grant?

Answer question 5:

You would be able to secure another landlord commitment.