

# **Resolution Strategies Office Hours**

Aug 05, 2024

10:00 am - 11:00 am

# Welcome



# **Guest Speakers**

Ed Boyte, Founder of the Listening Group, RTFH Consultant

# **RTFH Team**

- Lahela Mattox, Chief Operations Officer
- Jan Walton, Regional Outreach Coordinator East/South
- Tyler Uhlig, HMIS Manager

# **Grants & Contract Team**

- Susan Kim, Grants & Contracts Manager
- Ronniece Boston, Grants & Contracts Manager
- Jess Torres, Program Analyst
- Quanisha Spann, Program Specialist





# **Agenda**

- Resolution Strategies Spending
- HMIS Cheat Sheet
- Diversion Practice with Resolution Strategy Funding
- Q&As
- Reminders & Resources



# Resolution Strategies Spending

# Subrecipients Participant RTFH

- Encourage clients to take charge in making financial decisions to support diversion activities that ultimately result in securing housing for homeless individuals.
- Utilize funding to prioritize the clients' best interests, ensuring their needs are met in relation to permanent housing.
- Ensure timely & complete monthly invoice submissions
- Ensure client data is entered into HMIS for tracking and reporting purposes



- Will not require providers to repay/return funds for expenses that are deemed ineligible after invoice has been submitted.
- Offers TA to ensure RS funding is used for activities that meet eligibility criteria, and supports permanently housinging the client.



# **Resolution Strategies Spending**

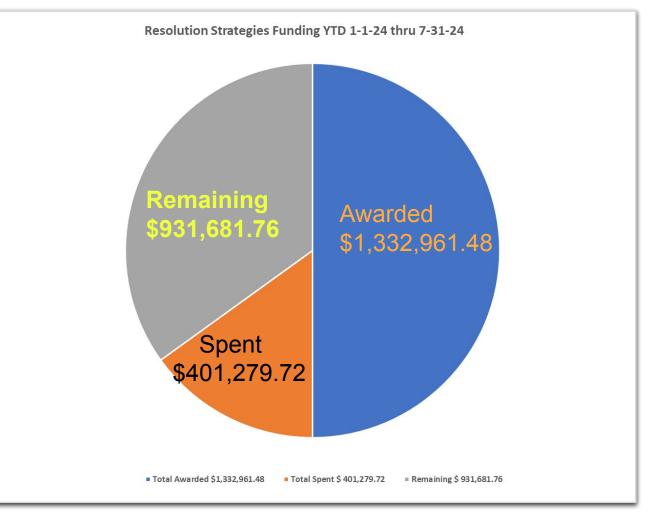


# Invoices are due monthly on the 15th

- Completed invoice, should include supporting documentation, and the required expenditure sheet. Documents should be uploaded to the invoices.
  - Expenditure Sheet: <u>click here</u>
  - Found on our website. <a href="https://www.rtfhsd.org/funding/grant-recipients/">https://www.rtfhsd.org/funding/grant-recipients/</a>

\*Please submit any expenses not previously invoiced, if they are eligible for reimbursement under RS.









# **HMIS Cheat Sheet**







# **Program Enrollment - Emergency Shelter**

- <u>Program Start Date:</u> First day of entry into hotel/motel utilizing RS funding
- <u>Program End Date:</u> Last day of continuous stay in hotel/motel utilizing RS funding.

# **Program Enrollment - RS SSO**

- Program Start Date: Date the participant first began working with the project and generally received the first provision of service.
- Program End Date: Last day contact was made or service was provided.
   The date the participant is no longer considered a part of the project/program.



# Diversion Practice with Resolution Strategy Funding





# **Diversion Practice with Resolution Strategy Funding**

- Diversion is client-centered, strength-based engagements to help neighbors quickly end their homelessness
- RS Funds are a great and flexible tool to *support this work* with those in a housing crisis
- Any work that drives this quick resolution to their crisis is part of diversion, so
- All expenses via RS should also be directly tied to their housing





# **Housing Outcomes**

- Generally, where someone has lived permanently in the past is the best indicator of where they will live next, so
- Understanding their current and past income &
- Previous housing is KEY to their next safer housing option
- If where they want to live next is different than previous housing, note this exception with some narrative





# **Housing Options**

- Back to friends/family
- 2. Relocation to supports elsewhere
- 3. Back to their own permanent place (renter, shared living, or family)
- 4. First month's rent and deposit

How comfortable am I talking about shared living?

Shared Housing = More Choices





# Thinking through some expenses...

- Hotel vouchers have been a popular expense, but do are they always directly tied to a permanent or short-term housing outcome?
- Consider:
  - Reexamining previous doubled-up arrangements, with RS support for short-term stays, and
  - Shared living (with RS support) for longer-term housing





# **Do Clients Really Need RRH/CES??**

- No. What's needed is affordable housing
- Meanwhile Diversion/RS offers faster housing, with more choices
- It's Trauma Informed, Strength-based, and Client-Centered
- Instead of Rapid ReHousing, how can we make diversion integrated into their support system, choices and long-term plans?
- Diversion not only gets people out of homelessness, it is a opportunity to exit CES as well
- Remember Housing First isn't housing only have we identified all of their supports, as well as ones we can offer or make referrals to?





# QUESTIONS





# Reminders

# **Diversion Training**

### 2 Day Training Dates

- 9/12 and 9/13
- 10/10 and 10/11

## **Office Hours**

#### 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PST

- 9/9/24
- 10/7/24
- 11/4/24
- 12/9/24

#### **ZoomGrants**

If an applicant has not yet submitted a profile into ZG, please complete your submission by Friday, 8/09/24 at 11:59PM

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# Resources

## **Financial:**

- Grant Questions: <u>grants@rtfhsd.org</u>
- Expenditure Sheet: <u>click here</u>
- Invoice Steps for Resolution Strategies: <u>click here</u>

# **Data Entry:**

HMIS Questions <u>support@rtfhsd.org</u>

# **Programmatic:**

Diversion Training Questions: <u>taskforce@rtfhsd.org</u>