

# Recovery Requires and Community: Fact Sheet

## What is the Recovery Requires a Community program?

Recovery Requires a Community was an Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) budget initiative to provide financial assistance to individuals with mental illness to transition and remain stable in community after an institutional stay. The program is administered by the OhioMHAS, working closely with the Ohio Department of Medicaid's HOME Choice program.

## Why does the Recovery Requires a Community program exist?

The purpose of Recovery Requires a Community is to fill gaps in available resources for individuals with mental illness in institutions who wish to live in community. By assisting them with additional supports, the program helps to enforce the Olmstead decision, reduce service delivery costs to the state and other systems, and increases community linkage while reducing institutional placements.

## Who is eligible for Recovery Requires a Community funding?

Program funding is available to any individual diagnosed with mental illness who requires temporary financial assistance to transition and/or remain stable in community after an institutional stay.

## How does Recovery Requires a Community work with the HOME Choice program?

The HOME Choice program helps to identify individuals who may benefit from Recovery Requires a Community through its discharge planning process. Through this process, these individuals will be determined to be in need of additional supports in the community for which HOME Choice funding options have been exhausted.

## Are individuals required to use HOME Choice funding before accessing Recovery Requires a Community funding?

Recovery Requires a Community is available for individuals who are not eligible for, have exhausted, or are near exhausting HOME Choice funding. Individuals are strongly encouraged to apply for HOME Choice funding before applying for Recovery Requires a Community funding.

## What activities are eligible for Recovery Requires a Community program funding?

Recovery Requires a Community funding can be accessed *when no other alternative funding source is available* to meet the needs of the individual. Activities can include:

- Housing
- Home furnishings
- Home accessibility
- Arrears (one-time back payment of rent, utilities, etc.)
- Non-clinical, non-Medicaid support services such as independent living skills training and peer support.

## What is the application process for obtaining Recovery Requires a Community funding?

To request a Recovery Requires a Community application, an email should be sent to [recovery@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:recovery@mha.ohio.gov). The application is returned to the same email address once completed and is reviewed by OhioMHAS. Upon approval of the application, OhioMHAS will submit it for funding disbursement through Ohio Shared Services.

## How is Recovery Requires a Community funding disbursed?

Recovery Requires a Community funding is disbursed via electronic funds transfer through the OAKS financial software system. It can be awarded to behavioral health service providers or county alcohol, drug, and mental health boards responsible for the care of the individual that requires the funding.

## How soon will Recovery Requires a Community funding be disbursed after an application is submitted?

Typically, funding is disbursed within 4-6 weeks; however, in certain emergency situations, this process can be expedited.



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