

COVID-19 Rent Relief Specifications

- These funds follow a workflow that is similar to the one used by STRA (Short Term Rent Assistance) programs. They are primarily for Homeless Prevention (HP), but may be used for Rapid Re-Housing in some instances
- **ENTRY**
 - All clients should have a STRA program entry (with the exception of 211 and Bienestar de la Familia)
 - There is an additional COVID specific assessment at entry, that determines eligibility for the program
 - Housing Move In Date (HMID) is required for HP if the OHCS funds (OHCS – COVID 19 Rent Relief CARES Act) are used.
 - HMID = program entry date
 - Client’s Residence/Last Permanent Address sub-assessment is required for City of Portland CARES
- **SERVICES**
 - Be sure to choose the correct Funding Source in Service Transactions
 - Utility payments and utility arrears are NO longer an allowable expense as of 8/19/2020 if the OHCS – COVID 19 Rent Relief CARES Act funding is used.
 - All HMIS service entry and exit dates occur no later than 12/30/2020
 - **Rent Arrears**
 - Service should start and end on the same date
 - Additional Service Type question is answered with “Rent Arrears”
 - **Rent Assistance**
 - Should be entered for each month that is covered,
 - Start Date = first of the month covered/End Date = last date of the month covered
- **FOLLOW-UPS**
 - STRA follow ups are still required if ANY STRA FUNDS are used in addition to COVID-19 Rent Relief
 - 6-month Follow-Ups are required for the first round of OHCS – COVID 19 Rent Relief funds; if this is the only fund used then this is the only follow-up required

| FUNDING SOURCES ----->>> | OHCS - COVID Rent Relief | OHCS – COVID 19 Rent Relief CARES Act | City of Portland CARES |
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| Timeframe | March 2020 - June 2021 | July 2020 - December 2020 | July 2020 - December 2020 |
| Funder | OHCS | Federal Funds through OHCS to DCHS | Federal Funds through City to JOHS |
| Eligibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% AMI • Negatively Impacted by COVID • Multnomah County Resident | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% AMI • Negatively Impacted by COVID • Multnomah County Resident | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% AMI • Negatively Impacted by COVID • Multnomah County Resident |
| ServicePoint Fund Source | OHCS-COVID 19 Rent Relief | OHCS-COVID 19 Rent Relief_CARES Act | City of Portland – CARES |
| 6mo Follow Up Required? | Yes | No | No |
| Providers Receiving Fund | STRA Network Bienestar de la Familia | STRA Network Bienestar de la Familia 211 info | STRA Network |