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Can organizations apply for the RLRA vouchers only?	RLRA vouchers must go with the recipients of the FUSE awards, there would not be a way to apply for those vouchers because they are administered through Home Forward directly to the participants. The options are the tenancy supportive services, the outreach and navigation, and substance abuse support, or all the three (3).	
Central City Concern needs longer term housing support for people coming through the "Karibu" program. These are all people who meet FUSE criteria and would probably be on the FUSE list. We don't really know how the FUSE match list is created, who manages it, and whether or not they are necessarily on there. What we really need are vouchers for the long-term care of these people as all the staff and the service model are already, because we do not really want to add more staff that wouldn't be long term sustainable. We're just trying to determine if this whole concept is going to be a fit because of sustainability. - Can we use vouchers only? - What is the performance period? - How do we know if our folks are on the Fuse list, or do we only apply to be a referral partner for people who are who you refer to as from the FUSE?	<p>The FUSE list is a data sharing process between health share, the criminal justice system, and the HMIS. We match that data and there will be conditions for a frequent user. For example, in other communities people have had 8 emergency department visits in the past year, or they have had 3 bookings in the past year and are simultaneously experiencing homelessness when they are not in these other institutions. Then, that will create a list.</p> <p>There may be folks who are currently being served in different programs and different organizations who show up on that list and would be eligible for those services. These vouchers will be tied to those folks who are identified on the FUSE list. We are not going to give an organization just the vouchers with the FUSE criteria expending them to find participants. Participants will be identified through a by-name data matching process.</p> <p>The performance period is the Fiscal Year and JOHS is still working on determine the outcome for the program.</p>	
It sounds like we can't simply identify our own folks who are ready to move on from the temporary housing that we have them in, because they were referred from the Department of Community Justice or other. They may have been in our housing like 6 months, but prior to that they might have met all of those criteria, right? But where do we release them to? So, we couldn't go to you and say, was this person on the list? And you say yes, and then we get to use the vouchers to house them. We would only be able to house people that you refer to us in order. Is that right?	Yes, I think the exact referral patterns are still being crafted and organized mostly because we could have some folks that are, for example, already working with transition services through DCJ. Those folks are really like easy to identify and we know where they are, and they might already be on the FUSE list. We will not go to an organization asking for everyone they need to see if they're on the FUSE list.	

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Will this fund be renewable, and if we hire staff will we be able to retain them?	<p>Yes, this is will be ongoing funding.</p> <p>FUSE is a pilot project with the hope is that there will be scalability. The first set of participants will be 50 people and the goal to increase funding and the amount of participants through the data match. JOHS is starting this first pilot because the FUSE 1.0 report is a data analysis that proves that supportive housing was helping individuals, especially those who experienced frequent use of the different systems.</p> <p>The first phase is housing participants based on the data match list and the next phase is scaling up, including more people to have in depth input from both the providers working with this pilot, and from participants who are receiving the services. As the "startup" begins there will be kickoff meetings, in depth community engagement with providers about how the program is working, how referral pathways are going, and what are the needs that we see for scalability.</p>	
What does means the 18 points-depending on how the organization is applying?	If organizations will be only applying for one portion it would be unfair to ask them about how they plan to do the other portions of the project. Organizations applying for one portion-only don't need to answer all the questions, but for those applying for all the portions, then it's 18 points.	
Can you share the Supporting Housing Services Implementation Plan?	SHS LIP	
What documentation system will be used?	HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)	
Can you share more about the budget reimbursement model?	JOHS will ask organization to create and submit a budget for the fiscal year depending on the timeline the organization will start. We will look on the annualized budget to prorate it based on the start month. We understand that sometimes the costs on the front end don't necessarily equate to annualized amounts but can be flexible with that. Organizations will submit the invoices to be reimbursed.	
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Are the vouchers for Studios and 1 Bedrooms only?	The award is for adult households, it's not necessarily a family award and we do expect that the vouchers will be studios and one bedroom based on of occupancy standards.	
Besides the reduction in hospital days or incarceration bullet point that was in one of the earlier slides. What other performance based outcomes are expected to track? Is there a data system outside of HMIS?	<p>We are still like finalizing the outcomes for this project but the standard outcomes that we measure for Permanent Supporting Housing specifically is around retention and housing stability. There may be some additional outcomes that get layered in around some of those other performance measures like reducing recidivism and emergency care visits, but we have not worked on how those look like as of yet.</p> <p>Retention in program will definitely be a measure. If someone is ready to move on from the support of housing, which is more rare, we will track rate like if that person returned to homelessness after exiting to a permanent housing destination, that is main measure. We will be tracking specific demographic information and outcomes for of people disproportionately experiencing homelessness. This type of information is tracked on HMIS that there won't be a need for another data system.</p> <p>JOHS can provide support around understanding HMIS and we can talk through other tracking mechanism if needed.</p>	

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