

## **CVRRP-2 Rent Assistance Q&A**

**April 20, 2021**

**Question: Can we spend Round 2 funding on participants in the Community Opportunity Economic Program (COEP)?**

**Answer:** No; participants must be enrolled in EOP PDX, EOP DCJ or AHFE EOP. COEP is meant to be a shorter engagement program than EOP. Customers are meant to be accessing specific construction pathways (i.e., three to six months). Those who need more support are co-enrolled with a Career Coaching program, so they would likely be eligible through the co-enrolled program.

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**Question: Can we have more money than our initial allocation?**

**Answer:** De- and re-obligation of funding will occur June 12, 2021. If your agency believes you can serve more participants than your initial allocation allows, please let Jennifer Fox know and you will be put on a re-obligation list for consideration in June if funding becomes available. If you are receiving your rent assistance allocation as a subcontractor of another agency you are to work through that agency.

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**Question: What does consecutive mean in the new rule that states: Rent assistance is limited to a maximum of six consecutive months of CVRRP-2 payments per participant?**

**Answer:** Consider the months for which assistance is being provided – including both arrears and current months. If there are more than six consecutive calendar months, the seventh is not allowable.

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**Question: Does Round 2 funding allow “homeless placement” since we can pay move-in costs (security deposits and application fees)?**

**Answer:** The funder priority is Eviction prevention – the funds can be used to serve households who are in rental housing or unhoused and can pay for eligible expenses. Homeless placement is allowed, but not prioritized.

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**Question: Can an organization use its secure email system to submit its forms to Worksystems?**

**Answer:** Most likely yes; please provide Jennifer Fox with the information about the secure email system the agency is using and Worksystems will review with IT staff and provide approval for your agency where we can.

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