

**Office of Community Services
Bureau of Recovery Support**

EOI #88– MHA-FY-26–Landlord Mitigation Program

Funding Period: 9/1/2025 – 6/30/2026

EOI Dates: 8/15/2025

EOI Due Date: 8/29/2025 at 3:00pm

OhioMHAS Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Statement of Purpose: OhioMHAS utilizes the EOI to conduct market research to identify organizations interested in participating in a proposed opportunity. The EOI is used as a screening and shortlisting tool to gauge interest in a proposed opportunity based upon the proposed requirements. The expressions of interest received will help OhioMHAS decide whether or not to proceed with a specific opportunity based upon the level of interest from eligible organizations.

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) invites potential eligible organizations to submit an expression of interest based upon the outlined requirements. Unless indicated below, no award or funding will be issued as a result of this EOI.

Landlord Mitigation Program Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Request for Expression of Interest Issued: August 15, 2025

Submit an expression of interest e-mail to: housinggrant@mha.ohio.gov by August 29, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Proposed Opportunity: OhioMHAS is requesting expressions of interest from Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Boards in Ohio to participate in the Landlord Mitigation Program (private landlords only). Each ADAMHS Board can identify up to 2 organizations (ADAMHS boards, behavioral health agencies or housing agencies) to be the point of contacts for the Landlord Mitigation Program.

Landlord Mitigation Program operates like an insurance program for eligible landlords who rent to individuals and families with long histories of criminal justice involvement, have poor rental histories, and have mental illness and/or substance use disorder. This Landlord Mitigation claim fund will reimburse landlords for excess damages and protect their investment while working with local providers to house people with mental health and/or substance use disorder who have criminal justice histories. Approximately \$283,000 Landlord Mitigation funding can be utilized in SFY2026 for mitigation claim payments made to private landlords, including Class 2 Residential Facilities (Adult Care Facilities), who rent to the program's target population. Landlords need to follow HUD's Housing Quality Standards and provide standard landlord-tenant leases or resident agreement. OhioMHAS-licensed Class 2 Residential Facilities need to be in good standing.

Funds must be used for payment of property damages to the unit by the tenant/target population during tenancy or at move-out that are above normal wear and tear and exceed the deposit and/or reimbursement of unpaid rent if the tenant/target population abandons the apartment, housing unit, or bed before a lease ends (a maximum of 2 months of rent). Claims submitted for unit or property damages will be capped at \$5,000.00.

Funding will not be awarded through this EOI. Organizations that are identified by ADAMHS Boards will be able to submit claims to the program on behalf of eligible landlords in their counties. If the claim is approved, the landlord will receive payment from Ohio Housing Finance

Agency directly. Organizations that submit approved claim requests will receive administrative fees.

Mandatory Minimum Requirements: To qualify for the proposed opportunity, the organizations intending to participate must meet the following requirements:

- Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Boards in Ohio

Questions, Technical Assistance, and Updates:

A technical assistance call will be held on August 22, 2025 at 10am. The call-in number is +1 614-721-2972 (Toll) Phone Conference ID: 866 419 422# or join virtually with [Teams Meeting Link](#).

E-mail of Interest Content:

Please send an e-mail stating if your ADAMHS Board is interested in **accessing** funding for SFY2026. In the email, please include:

- Organization name and address
- Contact information for the director or designee.
- Organization's background including:
 - Organizational goals and objectives;
 - Capability to offer the listed services for the proposed opportunity; and
 - Demonstrating that the mandatory requirements are met.
- In the email, please also include up to 2 organizations (ADAMHS boards, behavioral health agencies or housing agencies) to be the local contacts for the Landlord Mitigation Program – including employee's name and email address.
- Any additional information that the Organization would like to provide.