

The Recovery Housing Assistance Program (RHAP) was initiated following recommendations from the North Dakota Behavioral Health System Study (2018) and received its first legislative funding during the 66th Legislative Assembly (2019). Since launching in May 2022, the program has supported approximately 1,908 individuals statewide (through September 30, 2025).

69th Legislative Session (2025)

Appropriation: \$1,554,361

Program Updates: A competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process was conducted, resulting in four provider awards across the state.

Funding supports continued program operations and participant housing assistance through June 30, 2027

68th Legislative Session (2023)

Appropriation: \$1,509,088 in state general funds.

Supplemental Funding: An additional \$706,600 was utilized to maintain program census through June 30, 2025

67th Legislative Session (2021)

COVID-19 Delays: Implementation was delayed due to the pandemic, and \$150,000 of prior funding was carried forward for a total biennial allocation of \$350,000.

Program Launch: RHAP officially launched in May 2022, providing up to 12 weeks of housing assistance for eligible participants

66th Legislative Session (2019)

In 2018, the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services' Behavioral Health Division (BHD) commissioned the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) to conduct a comprehensive study of North Dakota's behavioral health system.

The 2018 Behavioral Health System Study identified the need to:

- Address housing needs alongside behavioral health needs.
- Promote timely linkage to community-based supports following crisis, inpatient, or residential treatment.

Based on these recommendations, BHD proposed and received \$200,000 in state funding to develop what became the Recovery Housing Assistance Program (RHAP)

