



Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Rental Assistance for Persons in or Seeking Recovery

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Recovery Housing Program (RHP): History

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through Support Act 8701 provided states with a Congressional Award to support those in or seeking recovery from a substance use disorder obtain and maintain safe and stable recovery supportive housing

This is a formula based allocation

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): Strategies

1. New Construction
2. Existing building rehabilitation
3. Recovery Housing Rental Assistance

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): Why Rental Assistance

1. We can reach the greatest number of participants through direct service
2. We can implement services quickly
3. This is the first time South Carolina has been allowed to pay directly for beds

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): Rental Assistance Overview

1. After RHP approval, the individual applies to a recovery home certified by the South Carolina Alliance for Recovery Residences (SCARR) or an Oxford House
2. Once accepted at a home listed above, the participant is approved for up to \$1,250.00 per month of rent and or rental related expenses for a term not to exceed 24 months, when the participant finds permanent housing or until all available funds are exceeded – which ever occurs first.

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): How Does the Process Work

1. First an individual applies online at [Application for Recovery Housing Assistance \(sc.gov\)](https://www.sc.gov/DAODAS/RecoveryHousingAssistance)
2. Next the application is reviewed and if additional information is needed, an email is sent to the applicant or their designee – it is required that a valid email address be provided for the applicant
3. Approval / Denial notifications are sent out on Fridays
4. The above communications are sent to the applicant, and if approved, representatives from SCARR and Oxford House

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): How Does the Process Work

5. Once in a residence, the parent organization invoices DAODAS once a month for all residents in their homes
6. The invoice must contain the person, the day rate, the number of days the participant has resided in the previous month (since approval) and any additional fees.
7. Money is paid the parent organization and then distributed to the individual houses in the participant's name.
8. Follow up surveys at 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18 months must be completed to continue program access

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): Application Information

1. The application will ask approximately 30 questions
2. There will be demographic questions that HUD requires
3. There will be programmatic qualifying questions
4. An email address for contact is **REQUIRED**
5. The application may be filled out by the applicant, or a designee if the applicant is incarcerated, in an inpatient treatment setting or is otherwise unable to access the internet

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): Compliance and Oversight

1. All homes will provide their rates and resident paperwork to DAODAS prior to receiving any funds
2. Spot checks of homes will be performed periodically to ensure programmatic compliance
3. An email address, housing@daodas.sc.gov has been set up for all RHP related comments and concerns.
4. All invoices are checked against approval rosters
5. Lack of compliance with program parameters may result in the exclusion of an organization from receiving RHP funds

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): Funding Overview

South Carolina has received three Fiscal Year awards:

FY 21 \$727,312.44 - Expended

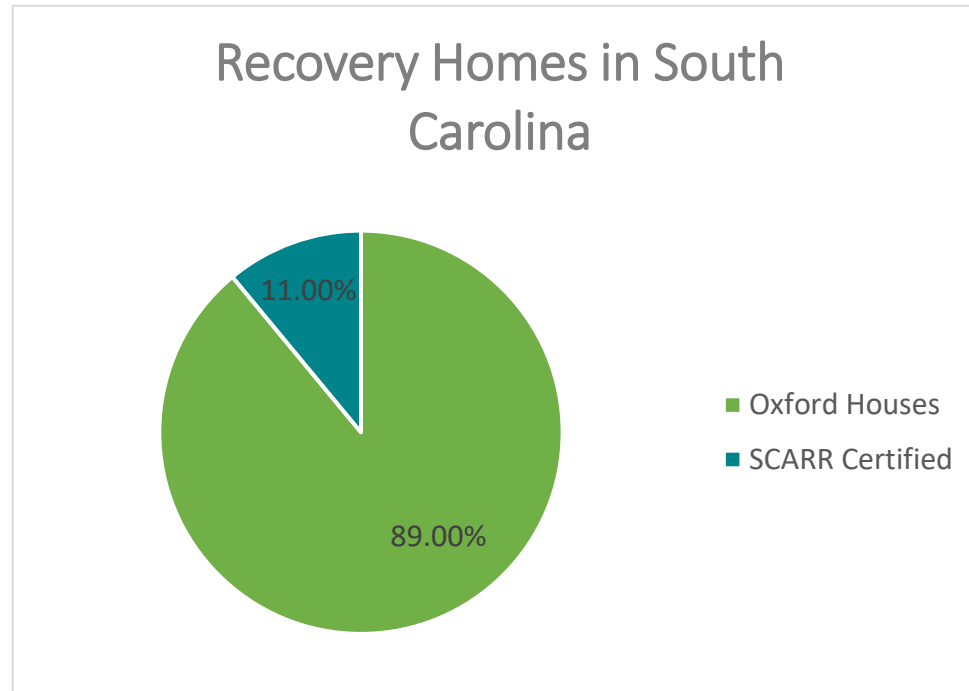
FY 22 \$757,385.40 – Expended

FY 23 \$1,150,177.00 – all upcoming invoices

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): Funding Overview

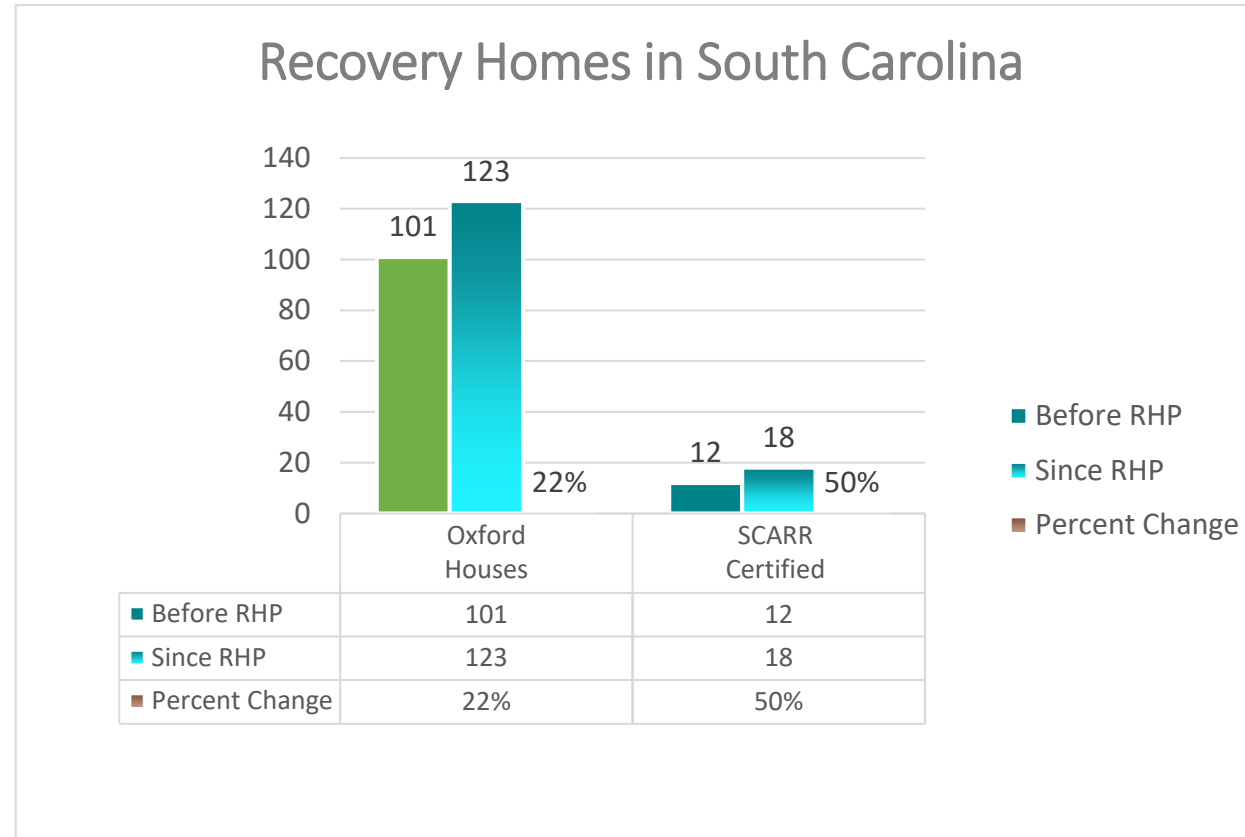
There is talk of potential recurring funding that would be made a line item on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the states

There *were* 107 Recovery Residences in South Carolina 101 were Oxford Houses and 12 were SCARR Certified



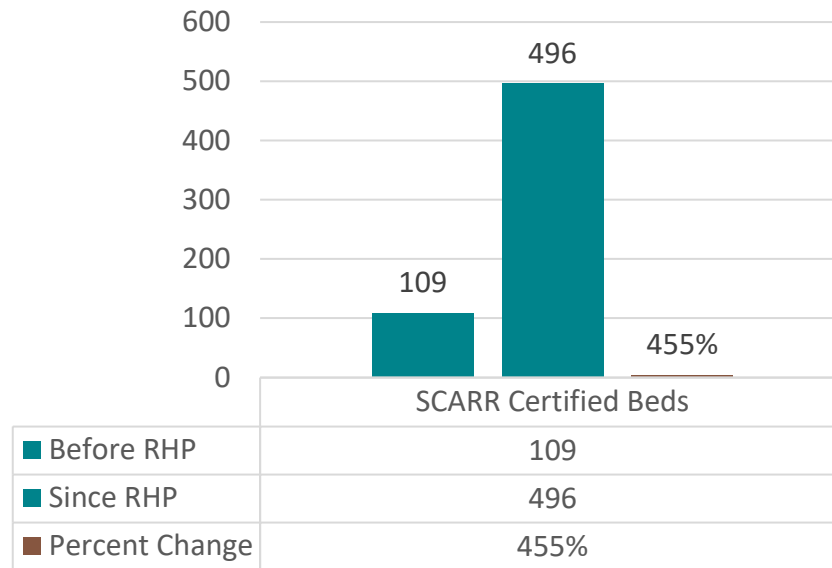
It was believed that more houses would get certified through SCARR and Oxford would open more houses as a result of this award, thereby increasing the available resources for those in need

There are 123 Recovery Residences in South Carolina
105 are Oxford Houses
18 are SCARR Certified with
Approximately 10 in process



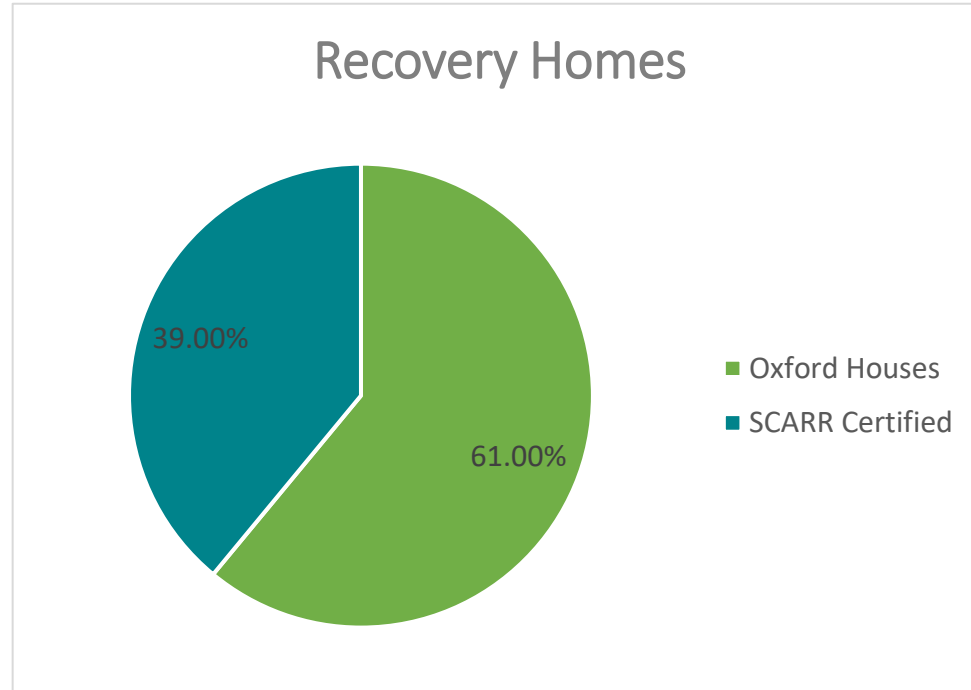
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Recovery Homes in South Carolina



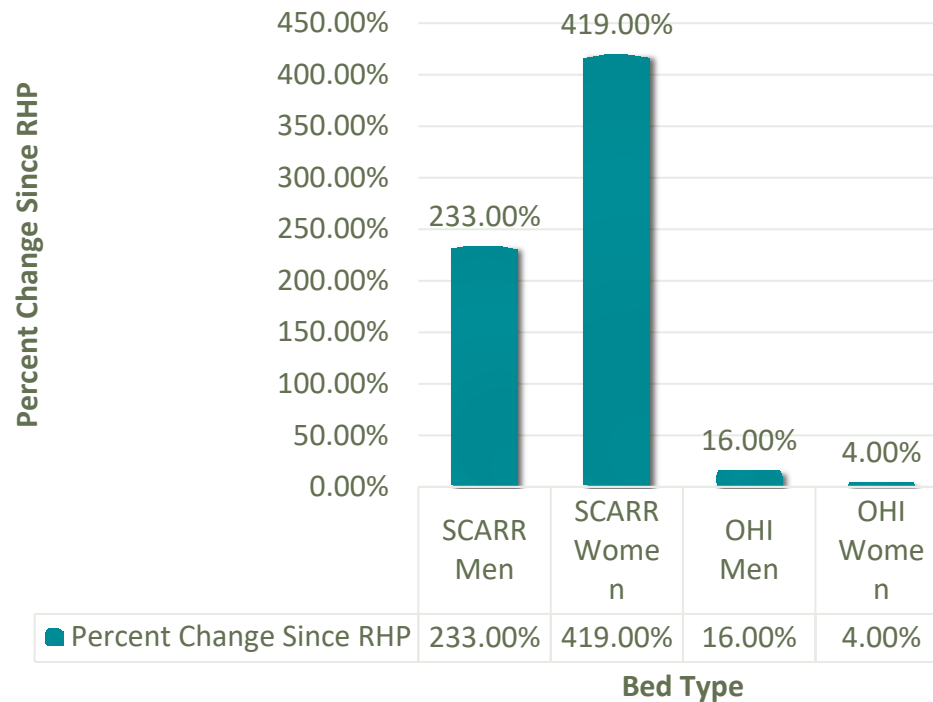
■ Before RHP ■ Since RHP ■ Percent Change

There are now 1265 beds for RHP participants



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Recovery Homes in South Carolina



People Served

The Goal is to enable individuals with a Substance Use Disorder to obtain or maintain safe and secure recovery housing

Let's look at the numbers

Impact of RHP

1082 Unique individuals have been served by either obtaining or maintaining safe and stable recovery housing

\$1,432,116.20 has been paid out to directly support the housing needs of individuals averaging approximately \$1,329.73 dollars in rent per person served

Averaging **155 Unique individuals** served monthly and 350 total individuals served monthly

Recovery Housing Program (RHP): QA

An advisory council will be created including the DAODAS Program Manager, representatives from SCARR and Oxford House Inc, recovery community stakeholders and program participants to discuss barriers, successes and strategies to improve program fidelity from all sides of RHP implementation

Notifications about this will be coming out towards the end of the month



Questions?

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Links

[Application for Recovery Housing Assistance \(sc.gov\)](#)

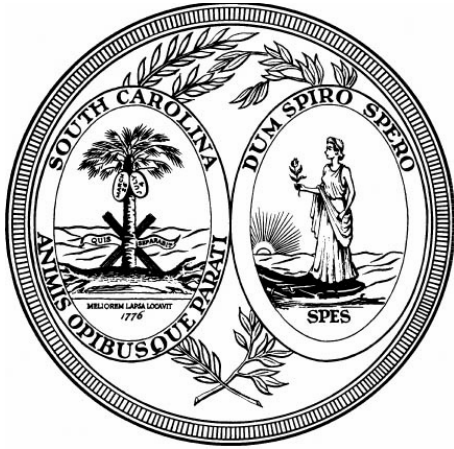
[Certified Listings | South Carolina Alliance for Recovery Residences -](#)

[Supporting the Recovery Community in South Carolina \(scarronline.org\)](#)

[Home \(oxfordvacancies.com\)](#)

[SC-FY23-RHP-Application-FINAL.pdf](#)

[RHP Overview - HUD Exchange](#)



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