

**PFS PSH Pilot Program
Program Funding Model**

Services Funding

The Program makes available **\$2.4 million** in new funding over four (4) years across all Service Providers to implement core service delivery activities, including: outreach, engagement, and enrollment activities; housing navigation; the delivery, management, and coordination of supportive services; data collection activities, and general program oversight. Per the parameters established in the State budget, the Program must also leverage **\$1.6 million** from existing resources, including but not limited to private, state, and/or federal grants and/or reimbursements from Rhode Island Medicaid, in order to help cover service delivery costs for eligible and enrolled individuals.

New PFS PSH funds for service delivery are allocated to Service Providers based on the number of PFS PSH slots they were awarded, as follows:

# PFS PSH Slots Awarded	PFS service delivery funds awarded per year
25	\$120,000
50	\$240,000

Each Service Provider will automatically receive the equivalent of five (5) months of PFS service delivery funding upon execution of their Service Provider Agreement with RICEH, as follows:

# PFS PSH Slots Awarded	PFS service delivery funds disbursed upon contract execution
25	\$50,000
50	\$100,000

Subsequent disbursements of PFS service delivery funds to Service Providers will occur quarterly following receipt and approval by RICEH of the Service Provider’s quarterly financial report and accompanying supporting documentation. The intent of quarterly disbursements is to ensure that each Service Provider begins each quarter with sufficient cash-on-hand to fund the delivery of services. The amount of such quarterly disbursements thus may vary across Service Providers and from quarter to quarter depending on each Service Provider’s previous quarter spending and expected need for funding in the upcoming quarter.

Service Providers are expected to contribute “match” funding to help underwrite the costs of service delivery in an amount proportional to the number of PFS PSH slots awarded to them, as follows:

# PFS PSH Slots Awarded	Required “match” funds per year
25	\$80,000
50	\$160,000

Service Providers and RICEH, with support from State agencies, will work together over the life of the Program to document that the required “match” from existing funding sources is achieved. Service delivery “match” funds must be documented for each Service Provider in semi-annual service delivery “match” funding reports submitted to RICEH.

Housing Funding

The Program makes available **\$2 million** in new funding over four (4) years to cover a portion of the housing costs for individuals enrolled in the program across all Service Providers. Per the parameters established in the State budget, the Program must also leverage **\$3 million** from the infrastructure of housing vouchers, rental subsidies, and similar resources that already exist in Rhode Island in order to help cover housing costs for program enrollees.

New PFS funds for housing will be primarily used to enable enrolled individuals to move into housing without having to wait to reach the top of a housing voucher waitlist, a process that can take many months. Once enrolled individuals who become housed with support from PFS housing funds qualify for an existing housing voucher program or similar resource, the portion of their housing costs supported by PFS funds will instead be covered by the existing housing voucher (or similar) program. Individuals who do not meet the eligibility criteria for any existing housing program will be supported by PFS housing dollars for the duration of their Program participation. (The assumption is that many such individuals will have a history of justice involvement).

Regular PFS PSH meetings convened and led by RICEH will serve as the main forum for determining the allocation of PFS housing funds to Service Providers on behalf of enrolled individuals. The progress of enrolled individuals housed with PFS funds to the top of the waitlist(s) for existing housing voucher programs will also be monitored via regular PFS PSH meetings so that financial support can be promptly transferred from PFS funds to the existing resource. This approach leverages PFS housing funds to eliminate the lengthy wait for housing vouchers that is a known, significant barrier to helping individuals become stably housed. Notably, it also enables new PFS housing dollars to be used flexibly to assist individuals with the most intractable barriers to obtain housing and acknowledges that the proportion of such individuals might vary across contracted Service Providers.

Service Providers will submit requests for PFS housing funds to RICEH on a no less than monthly basis using a form determined by RICEH. RICEH will endeavor to disburse PFS housing funds within five (5) days of receipt of a housing funds request to ensure that Service Providers can make payments to landlords in a timely manner.

No Service Provider shall receive more than 50% of the total funds available for housing in a program year (\$250,000) unless prior written approval is provided by the Executive Steering Committee.

RICEH will be responsible for ensuring that the Program overall to meets the \$3 million match requirement. Service Providers will be responsible for submitting quarterly reports on housing match funding to RICEH.

Success Payments for Performance

Lastly, the Program makes available up to \$550,000 in new funding, termed “Success Payments,” over four (4) years, all or a portion of which Service Providers can earn based on the extent to which they achieve the payment measures identified in the PFS PSH Evaluation Plan. (The total amount of available Success Payments represents 12.5% of all new PSH funding, inclusive of both housing and service delivery funds).

The total value of the Success Payments available to each Service Provider is proportional to the number of PFS PSH slots awarded to that Service Provider, as follows:

# PFS PSH Slots awarded	Total value of Success Payments available over four years
25	\$110,000
50	\$220,000

The value of distinct Success Payments will be determined by the “price” associated with each payment measure identified in the PFS PSH Evaluation Plan and will be clearly outlined in the “Schedule of Success Payments.” RICEH will provide Service Providers with a final Schedule of Success Payments within 60 days of Service Provider Agreement execution.

Success Payments will be disbursed quarterly to Service Providers following receipt and approval by RICEH of quarterly evaluation reports submitted by the PFS PSH Independent Evaluator.