



Violence Intervention Program, Inc.

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Rapid Re-Housing Program

Prospective Landlord/ Management Company Notice

Welcome to the Rapid Re-Housing Program!

The Rapid Re-Housing Program (RRH) at the Violence Intervention Program (VIP) is a housing intervention method used to connect individuals and families, who are domestic and interpersonal violence survivors, to permanent housing through tailored financial assistance and supportive services. With an intended goal of reducing the amount of time, the individual or family is homeless.

Our Rapid Re-Housing Program will locate and recruit landlords within our communities willing to rent to individuals and families attempting to flee domestic and interpersonal violence and receiving assistance from the VIP Rapid Re-Housing Program. We will work together to match our program participants/ clients to appropriate housing. Program participants/ clients will be offered permanent housing that is decent, safe, and affordable even after our financial assistance ends.

Core Components of RRH:

VIP will assist the program participants/clients to FIND LANDLORDS, MANAGEMENT AGENCY ROOMS, & APARTMENTS

- Help clients find a safe and affordable space to live

VIP will HELP PAY FOR HOUSING

- Assist program participants/ client pay their rent on time
- Short-term rent payments will be made directly to the landlord/ management company by the Violence Intervention Program (spend-down plan to be discussed with the program participant/ client, varies and discussed on a case-by-case basis – eventually the program participant/ client will be responsible for their rent its entirety)
- W-9 Form must be filled out by the Landlord or Management Company for payment from the Violence Intervention Program

VIP will help the program participants/ clients CONNECT to JOBS & OTHER ON-GOING SERVICES

- Help program participants/ clients increase their income by connecting them to employment or other resourceful organizations

Landlords gain several benefits from participating in our program. Consider the following advantages:

Eliminate advertising costs: Working with our program gives you access to a pool of ready-to-rent tenants. Just call us up when you have a vacant unit, and we'll immediately match you with a client looking for housing.

"Intelligent" renters: Our clients have attended training on personal budgeting, understanding rental agreements, housekeeping and general apartment maintenance, being a good neighbor, etc.

Damage/security deposits: Our organization aims to help individuals get back up on their feet. We have found that many low-income clients can afford the monthly rent but have difficulty saving enough money for their security deposit. As a result, we help clients put together this one-time payment.

Clients have access to time-limited subsidies: Again, our organization aims to help individuals get back up on their feet. As a result, eligible clients receive a subsidy to help them cover their rent. We also work with our program participants/ clients to stabilize and build an emergency fund for the future.



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Clients are attached to needed services: Some of our clients face several challenges, but we work with our clients on an ongoing basis to make sure they have the support they need to succeed. We work with clients to correct past mistakes and prevent future problems, and through our network of partners, clients have access to an array of supportive services.

Problem prevention through regular home visits: The Rapid Re-Housing staff may conduct regular home visits to ensure that clients are stabilizing in their new environments, their jobs are going well, and they get the support they need. Regular follow-up with clients allows us to identify and address problems early before they become irreparable.

Neutral party to mediate problems: Despite best efforts, problems are sometimes inevitable. However, when issues arise, it can be reassuring to know that there is someone to call. We care as much about our relationship with our landlords as we do our clients. We need everyone to make our program work. The job of a case manager is to be a neutral party, ensuring that everyone is treated fairly and that problems are resolved quickly and impartially.

Satisfaction from helping others: Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to live. Some people make mistakes, but everyone deserves a second chance. By helping house our clients, you play an integral role in assisting individuals in taking charge of their lives and making the community a better place to live.

**Please note (very important):*

- *The Violence Intervention Program and its staff will only make rent payments if the program participant/ client complies with our services and regularly meets the RRH staff.*
- *The tenancy agreement/lease signed is a contract between the tenant and the landlord; the Violence Intervention Program has absolutely no legal or financial responsibilities regarding the lease and its terms & conditions.*
- *Suppose the tenant decides to terminate the lease prematurely. In that case, the conditions under the early termination stipulations are the tenant's sole responsibility, not the responsibility of the Violence Intervention Program or the Rapid Re-Housing Program.*
- *Under no circumstances will the Violence Intervention Program or the Rapid Re-Housing staff act as a Third Party respondent or co-signer for any program participant/ client/ tenant.*

If you have any concerns or further questions, don't hesitate to contact the Rapid Re-Housing Program Manager, **Yainel Peña-Furment**, at **347.767.6883 / yfurment@vipmujeres.org**. Available Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM. We'd love to hear from you!