

## Using the Rapid Re-housing Repository

**Purpose:** The Rapid Re-housing (RRH) Repository describes the state of rapid re-housing programs in 2018, including variation in program characteristics and structure, Continuum of Care (CoC) policies and supports for programs, and characteristics of the communities and housing markets in which RRH programs operate. The repository combines data from four sources: 1) Rapid Re-housing Program Survey, 2) Housing Inventory Count, 3) Continuum of Care survey, and 4) American Community Survey Data.

The Dashboard allows users to view summary information on key rapid re-housing program characteristics by geography (CoC and state). Raw data is also available for users who wish to construct more complex queries or examine program or CoC characteristics not included in the Dashboard summary.

### *Instructions for using the Dashboard*

#### **Getting started**

- When opening the repository, select the gray “Enable content” or “Enable macros” button on the top left of the screen if requested – this function is required to execute queries.
- Review the instructions and summary of data sources in the “Introduction” tab. Then navigate to the “Dashboard” tab to begin using the dashboard.

#### **Creating a query and selecting filters**

- The default query is for all states and CoCs with all filters checked.
- *Select geography:* You can choose to filter the results by a single state or a single CoC using the drop-down lists (the raw data is available for more complex geographic queries).
- *Select data source(s):* At least one data source *must* be checked to run a query. By default, the query returns rapid re-housing programs that are included in the 2018 HIC, which responded to the RRH program survey, or are located in CoCs completed the CoC survey. Unchecking one or more of these boxes removes programs who were not in the 2018 HIC, did not complete the program survey, or those located in CoCs that did not respond to the CoC survey.
- *Select program characteristic filters:* The dashboard provides 10 default types of program characteristics. Unchecking a box *removes* programs with that characteristic from the summary results. If all boxes are checked, the query does not filter the results based on that characteristic.
  - *Note:* If at least one box is unchecked for a program characteristic, the query also removes any programs with missing data on that characteristic from the results. Some program characteristics are only available from a single data source, as noted by an asterisk (\*).
  - *Tip:* Selecting only a limited number of program characteristic reduces the chances of no programs being identified.

#### **Running the query**

- After one or more filters have been selected, click on the “Run Query” button at the top of the page

- *Note:* The repository is a large database – complex queries or queries that return a large number of programs may take substantial time to complete.

#### ***Understanding the summary results***

- The green box on the right half of the dashboard displays summary results from the query.
- The total number of programs and number of programs responding to the RRH survey form the base for the percentage calculations shown, with any programs missing on a characteristics being subtracted from that base. (Overall % missing shown for each characteristic as a separate percentage).

#### ***Starting a new query***

- Click the “Reset Filters” button at the top of the dashboard before running a new query.

#### ***Raw data***

- The raw data tab displays all repository data with filters available for simple queries.
- A separate data dictionary provides a detailed description of each of the variables included in the raw data.

#### ***Example queries***

To illustrate how the Dashboard can be used, below are two example queries than can be produced.

#### ***Query 1: What types of funding sources support RRH programs in Delaware?***

- Select “DE” from the State dropdown list, and click “Run Query”
- Question 3 in the summary results show the number and percentage of programs that report receiving funding from HUD, VA, Other Federal, and Non-Federal programs.

#### ***Query 2: What are characteristics of RRH programs operating in high cost housing markets?***

- Uncheck “Moderate Cost” and “Low Cost” from the Housing Market Cost box, and click “Run Query”
- The summary report indicate the number of programs, program size, distribution of funding sources and average type of assistance offered, community type, housing market tightness, and program outcomes for programs operating in high cost housing markets.