

## Rental Assistance (Prevention) RFP Q&A

1. Would paying rent / deposit for a young person exiting the criminal justice system (both minors and young adults) in order to enter into safe and stable housing (e.g. housing program, independent living, reunification with family, etc.) be an eligible expense?

**Answer:** Yes. In order to be eligible for Prevention, households must be at risk of homelessness *and* at or below 80% AMI. At risk of homelessness is defined, among other things, as “exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care.” Since jail and prison are both publicly funded institutions, this interpretation is accurate according to Commerce.

2. What is the length of the funding?

Answer: It is a staggered grant cycle for the funding. It is more funding as it is a larger allocation of the state funding. It will be a two year award and a larger amount to help you get to the next grant cycle.