

Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.

Collaborative Applicant — Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care (AL-507)

INTERNAL REFERENCE

RRH vs. SSO Cheat Sheet

CoC Program project types — quick reference for LOI & application decisions

■ Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) ■ Supportive Services Only (SSO)

	RRH Rapid Re-Housing	SSO Supportive Services Only
What it is	A housing project: short- to medium-term rental assistance paired with services, designed to move people from homelessness directly into permanent housing and help them stay there.	A services-only project: no rent or housing assistance is provided. Funds things like outreach, case management, or coordinated entry staffing.
Housing / rental assistance included?	Yes. Rental Assistance is an eligible budget line item.	No. SSO cannot include rent, leasing, or operating costs for units — if it did, it would be classified as a housing project instead.
Supportive services funding	Yes — bundled in. RRH budgets can include a "Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services" line item (case management, housing search, etc.) alongside Rental Assistance, in the <i>same</i> application. RRH is not just rent money — the services funding rides along with it.	Yes — this <i>is</i> the grant. Services are the entire budget; there's no housing dollars attached.
Who it can serve	People who are literally homeless and will be housed through the project.	Sheltered or unsheltered people the agency is <i>not</i> simultaneously housing — SSO can't double up with a housing offer to the same client from the same provider.
e-snaps application	Its own separate project application (own budget, own screens).	Its own separate project application (own budget, own screens) — cannot be merged with an RRH application.
Scoring	Reviewed and scored independently in the CoC's local ranking process.	Reviewed and scored independently in the CoC's local ranking process.
Match requirement	Yes — 25% of the grant amount, cash or in-kind. Neither Rental Assistance nor Housing Relocation &	Yes — 25% of the grant amount, cash or in-kind. SSO has no match-exempt

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	Stabilization Services is match-exempt, so RRH's full budget is typically subject to match.	line items, so its full budget is subject to match.
Typical fit	Agency wants to directly rehouse clients and provide the stabilization support that goes with it.	Agency wants to fund a service function — for example, operating a Coordinated Entry access point — without taking on a rental assistance program. If it's a CE access point, it must be run according to the CoC's CE written policies and procedures, not the agency's own process.

- ✓ **Applies to both, no exceptions:** Every RRH and SSO project must operate through the CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) process — referrals and enrollments have to come through CE regardless of project type or how many applications are submitted. An SSO project can staff or operate a CE access point, but it still has to follow the CoC's CE policies and procedures, not set its own.

BOTTOM LINE RRH is not "just rent" — its budget can carry its own supportive services dollars (Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services) right alongside the Rental Assistance line. SSO, by contrast, is services with no housing money attached at all. They're structured, applied for, and scored as two separate things in HUD's system.

Sources: HUD Exchange — CoC Program Components (Supportive Services Only); HUD Exchange — CoC Eligible Activities (Rental Assistance & RRH, 24 CFR 578.51); HUD "Is My Project a Supportive Services Only (SSO) or a Housing Project?" decision tool; HUD FY2025 CoC New Project Application Instructions.