BRAP-like housing subsidy for people with Substance Use Disorders

Key Ideal Components:

* Allows for roommate situations so it can be used in congregate (shared bedroom) Recovery Residences or Sober Housing
* Needs to allow quick access to Recovery Residences
  + May need a year – flexibility is important; meet each person where he or she is at
* Needs to work for Oxford House models – shared bedroom or bedroom SROs
* Ideally would let practitioners determine legitimacy of the living situation
* Vouchers need to be flexible
* Need renewability – if someone loses the voucher, having the ability to qualify again (relapse is part of recovery)
* Quick and simple access
* The best arrangement is that providers have a pot of money to use only for subsidizing rents situation by situation. They will know who will best benefit, and for how long, and they will have established relationships with landlords so they can establish the legitimacy of each housing option
* The state HOME Fund is the most flexible funding source
* STEP, due to Fed HOME source, has too many strings
* This could be set up as an RFP/grant opportunity for practitioners