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#### Recovery Kentucky:

A Structured, Supportive Housing Recovery Solution to Kentucky's Opioid Epidemic

Confronting the Opioid Crisis Through Housing







#### Recovery Kentucky Overview

- Vital program created in 2005, to help Kentuckians recover from substance abuse, which often leads to chronic homelessness.
- Joint effort by the Department for Local Government (DLG), Department of Corrections, and KHC.
- Currently 14 Recovery Centers across Kentucky (Plus 4 Prototype Centers).
- Program centers were designed to reduce the state's drug problem and resolve some of the state's homeless issues.





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- Housing and support for over 2,000 residents
- 72.7% referred from criminal justice system
- 38% of residents reported homelessness at intake
- 51.6% males; 48.3% females
- Average age is 33 years old (18-68 years old)
- Waiting list of 2-3 months for most centers





#### Funding- Construction Sources

- Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- HOME
- Kentucky Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- Federal Home Loan Bank





### Funding- Operational Sources

- Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
- SNAP (food stamps)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Department of Corrections (\$31/day)
- Local Fundraising/Grants



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Significant Reductions in Past 6-Months Substance Use	
Client Intake	Client Follow-Up
83% reported any illegal drug use	5% reported any illegal drug use
50% reported any alcohol use	5.3% reported any alcohol use
63% reported any opioid use	2% reported any opioid use
38% reported any heroin use	1.5% reported any heroin use
66.3% met criteria for depression	10.7% met criteria for depression
38% reported being homeless	2% reported being homeless
45.8% were employed	75.6% were employed
\$2.60 estimated return for each dollar invested.	

(UK CDAR Outcome Study, 2018)

Recovery Kentucky Program saved taxpayer dollars through avoided costs to society or costs that would have been expected based on the rates of drug and alcohol use.

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### Women's Addiction Recovery Manor (WARM)

- Location: Henderson, KY
- **Project Type:** New construction, 100 beds
- Developer: Wabuck Development Company, Inc.

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### Men's Addiction Recovery Campus (MARC)

- Location: Bowling Green, KY
- **Project Type:** New construction, 100 beds
- Developer: Wabuck Development Company, Inc.





#### **Wes Farmer**

Men's Addiction Recovery Campus (MARC) Bowling Green, Kentucky

"Kentucky Housing Corporation has helped me and the other guys here by paying the rent for our units – which allows us to focus more on the program itself and bettering ourselves. Without this place I'd probably still be in jail or homeless."

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