Annex C.
SSMTRG Housing Support Grant – Menu of Interventions

Area	Intervention
Specialist floating support	Floating support workers will have specialist knowledge around drug and alcohol and provide support to people in their homes to improve their engagement in treatment services and can sit in housing or drug and alcohol treatment providers. They will forge strong joint working arrangements with local housing options and housing services and provide tailored support around people's accommodation needs. They will provide support around social reintegration and help people to reduce their social isolation and manage their tenancies more effectively. Additional capacity for peer support workers providing a floating support role with expertise by experience to support people in treatment around their housing needs, representing a broad range of experiences suitable to your population. Bolstering capacity of existing housing schemes that are, or could be expanded to, support people going through or exiting treatment. This could include existing recovery housing, supported housing or Housing First/housing led schemes. Additional posts focus on specific populations including but not limited to women, migrants, underserved ethnic groups, LGBTQ+ communities.
Specialist housing support workers/ caseworkers	Specialist housing caseworkers can be embedded in LA housing teams, co-located between housing services, housing options teams and drug and alcohol services or embedded in drug and alcohol services, with detailed knowledge of housing legislation and local tenancy support services. Additional specialist LA casework roles empowered to work proactively with the housing options service. Posts should work with drug and alcohol commissioners, housing options leads and strategic leads, to reduce the number of people in treatment becoming homeless.
Strategic posts	Strategic lead roles that enhance partnership working across housing, homelessness, health and social care services and join up with wider treatment and recovery funding. Additional capacity to develop systems to improve your areas' data on the levels of housing related needs among people with substance misuse problems. Experts by experience with a focus on improving housing working within LAs/health systems; managed as part of wider peer support services but embedded within LA/health teams to support commissioning, monitoring and designing of services. Developing long-term local housing strategies that account for individuals with substance misuse needs. This should consider recovery pathways which balance harm reduction vs. abstinence-based approaches.

Area	Intervention
Training, personal development and workforce support	Training budget to upskill teams (for example housing/homelessness team trained in responding to substance misuse needs). Additional capacity for reflective practice across frontline services and commissioning teams. A health and housing coordination role to deliver a programme of training across housing, drug and alcohol and health services; promoting partnership working amongst front-line workers in the area through training, events and frontline networks that build knowledge of local systems. Recruitment, retention and training initiatives, including: • Incentives for staff and employers. • Improved recruitment and retention, including international recruitment. • Competitive pay and benefits packages. • Training, education, and continuous professional development including training and support for line managers. Health and wellbeing support including initiatives to reduce work-related stress.
Personalised budgets	Supporting a tailored response to the individual, housing support related needs and complexities, and available alongside the intensive support of the workers outlined above. Increased budgets for rent deposits and first month's rent; funding for this intervention must demonstrate how support will tie in.
Other interventions which meet the aims and targets set in the drug strategy related to housing	Interventions outside the Menu of Interventions can be considered if they meet the conditions listed below this table.

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