

1. WHAT IS THE SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING PROGRAM?

The Authorities provide assistance in the form of subsidized housing and supportive services to households which are unstably housed and/or have a diagnosed disability. Special Needs Housing Case Managers provide assistance in locating and obtaining housing, as well as ongoing support to assist clients with maintaining housing and meet their monthly financial obligations. Clients will receive case management services to assure they are complying with their lease and program requirements. Case Management and supportive services are tailored to each individual or family depending on their circumstances and needs.

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:

- **Rapid Rehousing** – Rental assistance along with case management for 3 – 6 months
- **Permanent Supportive Housing** – Rental assistance along with case management. Assistance is provided for as long as funding allows.

Please Note: Our assistance is limited to units in Cumberland County only.

2. HOW DO I APPLY?

The Connect To Home Coordinated Entry System. If you are experiencing homelessness, simply call 2-1-1 or 855-567-5341 toll-free for information, screening and referral.

You can also contact Connect To Home by texting your zip code to 898-211 or by visiting a Connect To Home Access Site in your community where available.

Cumberland County Access Site:
Community CARES – 50 W. Penn St.,
Carlisle, PA 17013

Perry County Access Site: Perry Housing
Partnership – 42 W. Main St., New
Bloomfield, PA 17068

IF YOUR ADDRESS OR SITUATION CHANGES, BE SURE TO NOTIFY 211 IMMEDIATELY.

When our program has an opening, one of our Case Managers will contact you and see if you're interested in participating.

Please Note: If you want to apply to any other housing programs which CCHRA offers (Section 8, Public Family Housing, or our Tax Credit properties), please visit our website to apply: www.cchra.com.

3. DO I QUALIFY?

- ❖ Are you homeless? Are you living in an emergency shelter, in transitional housing for homeless persons who were previously in an emergency shelter or on the streets, or living in a place not meant for human habitation (cars, parks, streets, and abandoned buildings).

Please note: If you are staying with friends, a family member, or paying for your own hotel room, you do not qualify

for the Homeless and Special Needs Housing programs.

- ❖ For Permanent Supportive Housing, one *adult* member of the household must have a mental health, chronic substance abuse, or HIV/AIDS diagnosis (must have one of the three) **AND** be considered permanently disabled.

Your gross annual income from all sources cannot exceed the HUD guidelines. Income limits are updated annually by HUD.

4. IS INCOME FROM ALL MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY COUNTED?

Yes. Gross income from all members of your family must be included. Examples of income are: wages from employment, TANF benefits, Social Security, retirement, pensions, alimony, child support, assets, unemployment, etc.

5. WHERE CAN I LIVE?

You may select your unit anywhere in Cumberland County. The rental unit may be a house, apartment, duplex, mobile home, etc. Rent for housing units on the Homeless and Special Needs Program must be comparable to rents for unassisted units. The unit must also pass a housing quality standard inspection.

6. HOW MUCH WILL I PAY FOR RENT?

Your rent share is based on 30% of your adjusted monthly income minus the tenant paid utility cost.

7. WILL I BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A LEASE?

Yes. You will be required to sign a year-long lease with your landlord. You must stay in the unit for the first year. If you need to move after the first year, you may as long as you give the proper written notice to your landlord.

8. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

All persons will be treated fairly and equally without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law.

There is certain information that you must provide when applying for housing. There are penalties that apply if you knowingly omit information or give false information.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY HOUSING and REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

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Rental Assistance Information for Applicants



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