

Our Mission

Housing is the foundation for success, so we collaborate with individuals, communities and partners to create, preserve and finance affordable housing.

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Agenda

- 2019 Changes
- Supportive Housing Requirements for Homeless Units
- Supportive Housing Units for People with Disabilities (PWD)
- Housing Support (fka GRH)
- Coordinated Entry (CE)
- Minnesota Olmstead Plan and Supportive Housing Settings
- National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)

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Supportive Housing Changes

- Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB) Funding
 - Supportive housing for homeless households
 - Supportive housing for people with behavioral health needs
- Units for People with Disabilities (PWD)
 - Service agreement must be with human services entity, not service provider
- Tenant Selection Plan Guidance

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Supportive Housing Requirements

Applications must include the following:

- Supportive Housing Narrative signed
- Continuum of Care (CoC) Confirmation Form
 - Development Information Form for CoC Committee
- Human Services Confirmation Letter
- Service Provider Qualification Form (215A)
- Workbook:
 - Demographics: Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Housing Income tab: Indicate "HPH" units

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High Priority Homeless Threshold Requirements

- Supportive services minimum staffing hours
- Experienced service provider
- Service funding commitments
- Coordinated Entry referrals
- Evidence provided in the narrative, service provider qualification form and funding commitment documents

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Housing Support (formerly GRH)

- Using Housing Support for tenant rents
 - Eligible population is extremely low-income adults with a disabling condition
 - Contact county early in development planning process
 - Underwriting standards
- Using Housing Support for services
 - Tenants must be long-term homeless (LTH)
- Learn more about Housing Support or request technical assistance from the county or DHS

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Coordinated Entry

- Local CoC administers process
- What is it?
 - Coordinated access: A central point of access for people seeking assistance
 - Assessment: All people seeking assistance are assessed for service needs
 - Service need determined by assessment
 - Centralized waiting list prioritized by need
 - All referrals must come from the waiting list

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People with Disabilities

- Points for units set aside and rented to people with disabilities (PWD)
- Cannot be the same units as the Supportive Housing Units for High Priority Homeless households
- Cannot be in a property with age restricted units
- Must have service agreement with county or tribal human services
- Complete the narrative for people with disabilities
- Threshold criteria and income restriction
- Rent subsidy or underwrite rents at supportive housing standard
- Housing Income tab on the Workbook indicate the PWD units

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Minnesota Olmstead Plan and HCBS Rule

Olmstead Plan

- Most integrated setting so that people with disabilities can:
 - Live independently, close to family and friends; engage in productive employment; participate in community life
- Choice and Independence
 - Have a lease and control of unit; freedom to come and go; have visitors; choice of services and service provider
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Rule
 - Potential isolating settings triggers
 - More than 25 percent of units
 - Providing multiple services on site

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National Housing Trust Fund

- Priority for supportive housing
- Resource for new construction or reuse
- Operating Subsidy (OS)
- Application materials:
 - Narrative
 - Calculation tool
 - Workbook

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