

**What is the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program?**

The Louisiana Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program provides permanent, subsidized rental housing with flexible, individualized housing supports for people with disabilities.

PSH is administered in the 51 flood impacted parishes and is designed to assist those who are experiencing homelessness or living in institutions. Applications are being accepted now.

A substantial, long term disability may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Developmental disability (disability that occurred before the age of 22)
- Serious mental illness (mental illness or mental illness with substance abuse)
- Disability acquired after the age of 22 (physical disability, cognitive disability, sensory disability, disability caused by chronic illness, disability caused by HIV/AIDS who are no longer able to work)
- Age-related disability (frail or elderly)

**If I qualify, what services may I receive from this program?**

PSH offers rental assistance for a variety of housing units so that individuals with disabilities are able to remain in, or re-enter, the community. PSH participants pay 30 percent of their monthly income towards their rent.

Services that support successful tenancy are provided by Community Support Specialists who assist PSH tenants in the application and leasing processes. The specialists will help you seek reasonable accommodation and support you in acquiring the skills and resources necessary to be a successful tenant.

Tenancy support services are free of charge. The type of services depends on the needs of the residents, but may include:

- Pre-tenancy support, such as help obtaining the necessary documents to complete a housing application and moving into the new unit.

- Assistance for the individual to develop daily living skills specific managing his/her own home, including managing his/her money, medications, and transportation, using community resources, and other self-care techniques.
- Assistance communicating with landlord and neighbors.
- Social support.
- Strength-based, solution-focused individual counseling.
- Crisis intervention and 24-hour emergency services.

## **Who can qualify for Permanent Supportive Housing?**

To be eligible a household must include a person who has a disability and is currently receiving one of the following:

- Mental Health Rehabilitation (MHR) services.
- Eligible waiver services.
- Ryan White services.
- Access to Recovery (ATR) - which offers substance abuse treatment and recovery support services.
- Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CAHBI)- which provides treatment and housing support for the chronically homeless
- Living in a nursing home.

### **The household must also:**

- Be very low-income -50% of the Area Median Income (AMI).
- Be in need of supportive services.

*Please note: For the PSH Section 811 Project Rental Assistance, eligible applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 62 and be at or below 30% of Area Median Income.*

### **For more information or to apply, contact: Permanent Supportive Housing or Section 811 PRA**

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