



SUPPORTING PENNSYLVANIANS THROUGH HOUSING

2017-18 UPDATE

STRATEGY NO. 1: CONNECT PEOPLE TO HOUSING



GOAL NO. 1: Build better local and state housing partnerships.

GOAL NO. 2: Provide IT tools to the Local Referral Network to better connect individuals and families to housing.

GOAL NO. 3: Expand the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program in partnership with PHFA.

Recent HUD Mainstream Voucher Awards

HUD announced awards on September 4, 2018:

- Nationwide:
 - 285 entities received awards.
 - 11,931 vouchers awarded.
 - Funding totaling \$98,568,899
 - Approximately \$300 million remains for future NOFAs
- In Pennsylvania:
 - 13 PHAs received awards
 - 449 Vouchers Awarded
 - \$3,669,952 Funding Awarded

PA Mainstream Voucher Awards – First Round

1. Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh	28	\$202,091
2. Philadelphia Housing Authority	99	\$873,953
3. Allegheny Co. Housing Authority	28	\$143,271
4. Chester Housing Authority	45	\$447,941
5. Reading Housing Authority	22	\$143,619
6. Housing Authority of the County of Butler	17	\$79,987
7. Montgomery Co. Housing Authority	40	\$425,031
8. Housing Authority Co. of Delaware	45	\$413,424
9. The Housing Authority of Monroe County	14	\$132,094
10. Housing Authority of the Co. of Franklin	11	\$51,560
11. Housing Authority of the Co. of Dauphin	41	\$325,276
12. Bucks Co. Housing Authority	45	\$355,979
13. Adams Co. Housing Authority	14	\$75,726

HUD Mainstream NOFA Website

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv

NOFA FAQ:

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/Mainstream_Voucher_NOFA_FAQs.pdf

TAC Mainstream NOFA

<http://www.tacinc.org/knowledge-resources/2017-mainstream-voucher-nofa-resource-page/>

Section 811 PRA



- A project-based rent assistance subsidy for persons with disabilities and extremely low-incomes.
- Implemented as a partnership between PHFA and DHS to increase access to affordable, integrated, and accessible housing.
- Funding for 400 units statewide, plus leveraged an additional 300 Housing Choice Vouchers and/or Public Housing Units for this population.
- Connect to 811 PRA through Local Lead Agencies (LLAs) and/or Regional Housing Coordinators (RHCs)
 - https://www.phfa.org/forms/local_lead_agencies/dhs-local-lead-agencies.pdf
 - www.Sdhp.org/rhc-map-and-contacts/



Active 811 Counties:

1. Allegheny
2. Beaver
3. Berks
4. Bradford
5. Butler
6. Cambria
7. Centre
8. Chester
9. Clinton
10. Cumberland
11. Dauphin
12. Erie
13. Fayette
14. Forest
15. Franklin
16. Indiana
17. Jefferson
18. Lancaster
19. Luzerne
20. Mercer
21. Mifflin
22. Montgomery
23. Philadelphia
24. York

811 By the Numbers:	
Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Commitments	361
Rental Assistance Contracts	51
Units Committed	267
811 Move Ins	90
HCV Move Ins	127

1. Age 18 to 61

2. Person has a disability

- Adults with Autism
- Physical Disabilities
- Transitional Age Youth w/ Disabilities
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Serious Mental Illnesses

3. Has Medicaid or is eligible for Medicaid

- Enrolled or Eligible for enrollment. If eligible for MA, begin COMPASS application process and keep information updated until ready to activate.

4. Household's gross income at or below 30% AMI

- This calculation includes the entire household's gross income.
- The property manager will conduct a formal income verification.

5. Eligible for long-term services and supports

- Tenancy not contingent upon receipt of services; can choose not to receive services and still be eligible.
- Eligible for community-based, long-term care services through a Medicaid state plan option or Medicaid waivers.
 - Medicaid mental health services provided in either FFS or HealthChoices
 - Attendant Care Waiver
 - Aging Waiver
 - Consolidated Waiver
 - OBRA Waiver
 - Independence Waiver
 - Person/Family Directed Support Waiver
 - Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE)
 - COMMCARE Waiver
 - Adult Community Autism Program
 - Adult Autism Waiver
 - Community HealthChoices (CHC)

Waiting List is sorted by current housing status

Priority 1 – Living in an Institution

Priority 2 – At-risk of Institutionalization

Priority 3 – Living in Congregate Care

STRATEGY NO. 2: STRENGTHEN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT ADDRESS HOUSING NEEDS.



GOAL NO. 1: Maximize Medicaid funding for housing-related services and supports.

GOAL NO. 2: Increase housing opportunities and services for individuals in the criminal justice system with mental illness and substance use disorder.

ODP Announcement: Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services

ODP Communication Number 083-18

Link: <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/palms-awss3-repository/Communications/ODP/2018/ODP+Announcement+Housing+Service-083-18-FINAL.PDF>

Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services (provider qualifications continued):

- Have knowledge of and know how to access, refer to, and inform others on the following programs or resources, including, but not limited to:
 - Housing Choice Voucher
 - Section 811 Project Based Rental Assistance
 - Mainstream/Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) vouchers
 - Tenant based rental assistance: Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Nursing Home Transition (NHT)
 - 20% Units Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) deeply affordable/accessibile units)

Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services (services for the individual):

- Assess to identify preferences and barriers related to successful tenancy (Assistive Technology, Financial Education, etc.).
- Develop an individualized housing support plan.
- Assist with the housing search process.
- Apply for housing programs, vouchers or applications.
- Identify resources for security deposits, moving costs, furnishings, adaptive aids, environmental modifications and other expenses.
- Ensure housing is safe and ready for move-in.
- Support the details of the move.
- Develop crisis plans.

Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services (services for the individual continued):

- Encourage community integration by building relationships.
- Assist with financial education and planning for housing.
- Coordinate transition from congregate living or family home to a more independent setting.
- Collaborate with service providers and other community supports.
- Mediate issues related to housing jeopardy.
- Educate on tenant/landlord roles, rights and responsibilities.
- Maintain key relationships with landlords and others in the community.
- Assist with housing recertification.

STRATEGY NO. 3: EXPAND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOUSING.



- GOAL NO. 1:** Develop public and private partnerships.
- GOAL NO. 2:** Target existing DHS resources for housing programs.
- GOAL NO. 3:** Redirect existing homeless and housing services resources toward housing; partner with DCED, PHFA and the Homeless Continua of Care.

Support Services Navigation and Housing Services for Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)

- Request for Applications/other materials may be viewed at:
<http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/Solicitations.aspx?SID=RFA%2015-18>
- Due on December 4, 2018, 2:00 PM. The resulting grant agreement will be for 1 year with the possibility of year 2 funding.
- PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) was awarded 2018 State Opioid Response Grant Funding. DHS and DDAP are working together with other partners to implement the proposed pilot projects.



RURAL COUNTIES:

1. Armstrong
2. Blair
3. Butler
4. Cambria
5. Cameron
6. Clearfield
7. Crawford
8. Fayette
9. Greene
10. Indiana
11. Lawrence
12. Mercer
13. Mifflin
14. Venango
15. Washington

URBAN COUNTIES:

1. Allegheny
2. Beaver
3. Berks
4. Bucks
5. Dauphin
6. Delaware
7. Erie
8. Lackawanna
9. Lancaster
10. Lebanon
11. Lehigh
12. Luzerne
13. Philadelphia
14. Westmoreland
15. York

Required Services and Activities

- Supportive Services: Intensive Case Management
 - Recovery Services
 - Basic Needs and Self-sufficiency Supports
- Housing and Housing Services
 - Housing Education and Supports
 - Rental Assistance
- Outcomes Measurement & Data Collection

Project Timeline

- 10/17/2018 – RFA 04-17 is issued
- 10/30/2018 – Pre-Application Conference
- 10/30/2018, Midnight – Deadline to submit questions
- 11/06/2018 - Answers to Potential Applicants' questions will be posted to the Department of General Services (DGS) website
- 12/4/2018, 2:00 PM – Due date for proposals

STRATEGY NO. 4: MEASURE AND COMMUNICATE PROGRESS



GOAL NO. 1: Track metrics and measure outcomes.

GOAL NO. 2: Continually improve DHS programs.

GOAL NO. 3: Communicate the progress of the DHS Housing Strategy to stakeholders and advocates.

To read the DHS Five Year Housing Strategy, please visit:

www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/housing

PARTNERS

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