



Fellowship Housing Opportunities, Inc.

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Short-term Rental Assistance Program

The “Short-term Rental Assistance Program” has four key components:

- ✚ Ensure that each consumer referred for housing has applied for rental assistance (public housing and/or a Housing Choice voucher) through state and local housing authorities and track this information.
- ✚ Establish non-discriminatory, time-limited protocols for distributing assistance to landlords willing to accept fair market or below market rents.
- ✚ Review income and expense issues with applicants to help develop a strategy to ensure that their housing is affordable while awaiting other assistance.
- ✚ Evaluate outcomes to assure the best use of limited resources and seek on-going support for this project.

Fellowship Housing intends that this financial support is applied to people most in need of assistance. Priorities include:

- ✚ People with mental illness who reside or choose to reside in this Region.
- ✚ People who meet HUD’s definition of very low or extremely low-income for Merrimack County, NH
- ✚ People whose housing expense (rent and basic utilities – heat, electricity and hot water) is greater than 51% of their income.
- ✚ People who have applied for other assistance available to them, i.e., public housing, Housing Choice vouchers, fuel assistance, security deposit assistance, etc.
- ✚ People who have a generally positive rental history in the community as determined by landlord references, eviction history, etc.
- ✚ People applying for units owned or managed by Fellowship Housing.

Process: Fellowship Housing will issue a “**Short-term Rental Assistance Application**” to interested parties which will be screened by the Independent Living Director. Once approved, the amount of assistance and the timeframe for offering assistance will be established and communicated in writing to the applicant and other interested parties.