
HOUSING FORWARD'S LANDLORD PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Helping individuals, families, and veterans who are experiencing homelessness to lead independent lives.

The Landlord Partnership Program recognizes the investment of landlords willing to work with individuals in need of affordable housing. It provides rental property owners with a steady revenue stream, and ensures regular rental payments for participating landlords and provides a 24-hour emergency call number.



What is “Supportive Housing?”

Supportive Housing offers rental assistance (length of assistance depends on the program) and supportive services to people leaving homelessness.

Housing Forward partners with 35+ area landlords to provide 200+ apartment units throughout west and south suburban Cook County.

How are we ending homelessness through Supportive Housing?

- Reducing the length of time people are homeless
- Exiting households to permanent housing
- Limiting returns to homelessness within one year of program exit

Housing Forward's goal is to transition people from financial and housing crisis to stability.

For more information, visit www.housingforward.org.

A Brief Overview of the Landlord Partnership Program

Our Participants

- Contribute a portion of their gross adjusted income either to Housing Forward as a program fee or directly to the landlord based on the type of program
- May have a disabling condition which may limit their ability to work.
- Are not required to have income upon admission to our programs. Increasing their income while stabilized in housing is a program goal.

Our Services

- Housing identification, location services
- Case management and supportive services
- All necessary furnishings supplied for apartment Leasing arrangement.

Leasing Arrangement

- A third-party lease with landlord and participant
- Housing Forward will sign lease as tenant for those enrolled in our Permanent Supportive Housing Program and the participant will sign lease as subtenant
- Participants sign the lease as tenant for those enrolled in Rental Assistance Program
- Standard one month security deposit and monthly rent paid directly to landlord
- No time limit for program, but dependent on continued renewal of project funding

Prospective Program Landlords

- Agree to use the 3-party lease for a term of one year
- Own 1- 2- or 3-bedroom apartments in west suburban Cook County in the price range of program (please contact us for further information.)
- Apartments must pass a Housing Quality Inspection and lead screening by Housing Forward; and
- Agree to submit a W-9 form

Program Benefits

- By working with our program, you eliminate advertising costs with access to a pool of ready-to-rent tenants.
- Our organization aims to help individuals get back up on their feet so we help clients with damage/security deposits.
- Eligible clients receive a subsidy to help them cover their rental expense.
- Guaranteed monthly payment
- Provides fair market rent
- We work with our clients on an ongoing basis to make sure they have the support they need to succeed.
- Regular follow up with our clients allows us to identify and address problems early
- Housing Forward case managers act as a neutral party, ensuring that everyone is treated fairly and problems are resolved quickly and impartially.
- Community stability is increased by helping individuals become self-sufficient and independent.

Interested? Want to learn more?

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