

Housing Support in the Community

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What we'll learn

- What is Housing Support?
- Who can use Housing Support?
- Where can a person live while receiving Housing Support?
- **FOCUS** – How does a person use Housing Support in their own unit/apartment?

8 quick facts:

- Formerly known as Group Residential Housing (GRH).
- Money to help eligible people pay housing-related expenses.
- People have to apply at the county or tribe
- **Paid to eligible providers on behalf of eligible people.**
- Providers have a job to do.
- Places must be eligible too.
- Not just for single adults.
- People can work!

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Housing Support Standards

- Provision of room and board (everyone on Housing Support)
 - three nutritious meals a day
 - a bed, clothing storage, linen, bedding, laundry supplies
 - housekeeping, including cleaning and lavatory supplies or service
 - maintenance and operation of the building and grounds
- Provision of supplemental services (in addition to room and board for about 30% of recipients)
 - **connect people with resources for identified needs**
 - **case notes**
 - general oversight and supervision
 - arranging for medical and social services
 - assist with transportation
 - *other if required by legislature*

Three things have to be true:

- Eligible person
- Eligible provider
- Eligible place

Everyone must have both:

- **Low Income** – a person's countable income cannot exceed the Housing Support benefit amount
- **Low Assets** – MN cash programs have an asset limit of \$10K
 - People should be aware that other programs such as Medical Assistance or SSI have lower asset limits

Everyone must have ONE of the following bases of eligibility

- Age – 65 and up
- Certified Disability
 - Through federal government with Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI)
 - Through state government with State Medical Review Team (SMRT) assessment
- Disabling Condition
 - Verified by qualified professional or county designee on the Professional Statement of Need (PSN)

Transition from Residential Behavioral Health Treatment

- ~~• Must have low income and assets~~
- ~~• Age – 65 and up~~
- ~~• Certified Disability (SSI, RSDI, SMRT)~~
- ~~• Disabling Condition~~
 - ~~• *Verified by qualified professional or county designee*~~
- Must be exiting residential behavioral health treatment
 - Residential Crisis Stabilization, Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS), or inpatient Substance Use Disorder treatment

In order to be a Housing Support provider, the organization must sign a standardized Housing Support agreement with county or tribe.

Counties can say no to any provider for any reason.

Housing Support agreement is:

- Updated annually
- Non-transferable
- Sets standards
- Authorizes provider capacity
- Establishes rates

What Is HB101 Places?

For people looking for housing with supportive services:

- One location to see a variety of housing options
- People can filter their search based on their service
- Allows efficient connection to Housing Support providers with openings

For providers:

- Show openings and property details.
- Provide online description of housing and eligibility criteria.
- Reduce calls about vacancies.
- Create a variety of useful reports for business and funding needs.

HB101 Places

Find the Right Home + Services For You.

Don't need services with your housing?
Find affordable housing on HousingLink. [↗](#)

For places with services in Hennepin
County, use Hennepin Housing Key. [↗](#)

Quick Start

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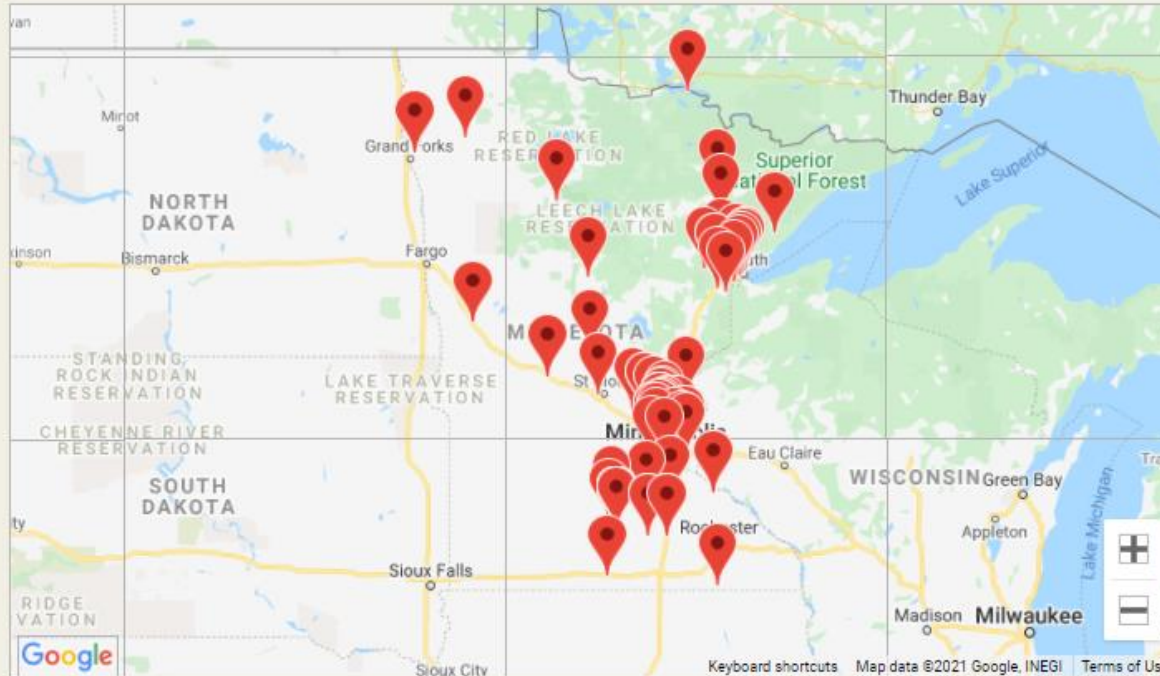
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Can filter by: distance from location, household size, waiver services, other health services, criminal background, building access, sobriety policy, smoking, pets, and program type

Where can I live and use Housing Support?

Two types of places:

1. Group Settings

1. Meals must be provided by the facility
2. No requirements for residents to use a lease
3. Licensed or registered

2. Community-based Settings also known as Supportive Housing

1. All residents have a lease
2. Not time limited
3. Some sort of support service is in place
4. Exempt from licensing in state law

How do I use Housing Support in my own unit/apartment?

- **FIRST** I need to have identified a community-based Housing Support provider with an opening who is willing to work with me.
 - Most community-based Housing Support uses the Long-Term Homeless (LTH) model
 - Many counties and tribes require that LTH programs are referred through the local coordinated entry system
 - **Call your county or tribe to ask how to get a referral to a community-based Housing Support provider. (There may not be any!)**

How do I use Housing Support in my own unit/apartment?

- Housing Support provider will help a person locate a unit or apartment and move in
- Once a person moves in, Housing Support provider will help them submit a complete application to the county or tribal financial assistance office.

*If I find an apartment where they say, “We accept Housing Support/GRH,” that’s not enough!

I need an authorized Housing Support provider **first**.

Thank You!

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