

Ways to Pay for Rent or Housing for People with Disabilities

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Types of programs

- Income Supplement → person gets extra money for housing and/or housing expenses may be paid on their behalf to a provider
- Moving Costs → funding for housing related items that are not rent
- Project-Based → entire building or part of a building is subsidized
- Voucher → unit is anywhere as long as landlord accepts it

Program/Service Name	Type of Program	Who is it for	What does it do	How do you get it
<u>Bridges Rental Assistance</u>	Voucher	Persons with very low incomes and mental illness. Grant administrators prioritize applicants, and give top priority to persons living in an institution or other segregated setting who will be homeless when discharged.	Provides a temporary rent subsidy that is linked with community mental health services until the person gets a permanent rental subsidy.	<u>Bridges Program Contacts</u> - If you meet the above priority population requirement and eligibility criteria, contact your local housing or mental health agency for information about how to apply. <u>Bridges RTC Program Contacts</u> - For assistance for persons at the Anoka Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC) or Forensic Services Must apply for permanent rental subsidy when available.
<u>Emergency Assistance</u>	Income supplement	A person with low income experiencing a financial emergency. This is usually a one-time help available.	Each county covers different services and could be eviction help, utility help, shelter fees, or other.	Contact your local county or tribal human services agency.

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Emergency General Assistance	Income supplement	A person who meets General Assistance income level rules (200% of poverty level) with an emergency.	Each county covers different services and could be eviction help, utility help, or other.	Contact your local county or tribal human services agency.
<u>Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP)</u>	Grant to a provider	Helps individuals and families who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness who are below 200% of poverty level.	Grants to pay rent, mortgage, utilities, or other housing costs that help people maintain or attain housing.	Contact an organization on the <u>client reference list</u> . Temporary program, assistance goes directly to providers
<u>Homework Starts with Home</u>	Voucher	Families with school aged children, unaccompanied youth, or youth with children in school. People who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness who are below 200% of poverty level.	Grants to pay rent, mortgage, utilities, or other housing costs that help people maintain or attain housing.	Contact an organization on the <u>client reference list</u> . Temporary program, assistance goes directly to providers
<u>Housing Support – Group Settings</u>	Income Supplement	People with very low income with a disability or disabling condition	Pays room and board in a place where a provider is authorized to accept Housing Support. Payment goes to the provider not to the person. Sometimes pays for additional supports.	Apply through a county or tribal human services agency.
<u>Housing Support – Community Based</u>	Income Supplement	People with very low income with a disability or disabling condition	Pays for rent, utilizes and other related expenses for a person with their own lease in the community. Payment goes to the provider. Sometimes pays for additional supports.	Apply through a county or tribal human services agency.

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<u>Housing Trust Fund Rental Assistance</u>	Voucher and Project-Based	Depends on the agency and could be for: long-term homeless, extremely low income, have HIV/AIDS, have chemical dependencies or mental illness	Pays for privately owned rental housing	Contact the Coordinated Entry (CE) system in each Continuum of Care (CoC) region.
MA-Waivers (<u>CADI</u>, <u>CAC</u>, <u>BI</u>, <u>DD</u> and <u>EW</u>) Transitional Services	Moving Costs	People on an MA-Waiver who want to move to a more independent setting	Pays for expenses (furniture, moving expenses, deposits, etc.) related to transition	Apply through a county or tribal human services agency
<u>MFIP Housing Assistance</u>	Cash grant	People eligible for MFIP not receiving another housing subsidy	Provides \$110 for housing	Apply through a county or tribal human services agency
<u>Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA) Housing Assistance</u>	Income Supplement	People on SSI who are eligible for MSA and spend at least 40% of their income on housing	Provides up to half the SSI benefit rate a month to help pay for housing costs	Obtain a referral from a county or tribal human services agency
<u>Moving Home Minnesota Transitional Services</u>	Moving Costs	People on MA who want to move from an institutional setting into a community-based setting	Pays for expenses (furniture, moving expenses, deposits, etc.) related to transition	Obtain a referral from a county or tribal human services agency
<u>Public Housing</u>	Project-Based	People who are low-income, families, seniors, and people with disabilities	Rental housing, managed by a public housing authority, where rent is based on a person's income	Contact a <u>local housing authority</u> .
<u>Section 8 Family Unification Program</u>	Voucher	Families at risk of being separated due to lack of housing Former foster youth ages 18 – 21	Pays rent where a landlord will accept it as a form of payment	Referred to one of 6 public housing authorities that have the program by your local <u>county or tribal human services office</u> . Each housing authority has its own application.

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Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program	Voucher	People who are low-income, families, seniors, and people with disabilities	Pays part of the rent to a private landlord; person must find a landlord willing to accept it	Contact a local housing authority .
Section 8 Project-Based Voucher Program	Project-Based	People who are low-income, families, seniors, and people with disabilities	Same as the Section 8 Housing Voucher Program, except all the vouchers are in the same building or project	Contact a local housing authority .
Section 811	Project-Based Voucher	People who have a disability and extremely low incomes, and who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiencing Long Term Homelessness and Serious Mental Illness and are working with a Project to Assist with Transitions from Homelessness Outreach worker • Persons exiting institutions and enrolled in Moving Home Minnesota 	Pays rent of the rent in select apartments in participating properties	Referrals are only accepted from select homeless outreach providers or MHM transition workers. These providers are notified when vacancies occur, or new applicants can be added to the waiting list.