

What is the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program?

The Louisiana Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program provides permanent, subsidized rental housing with flexible, individualized housing supports for people with disabilities.

PSH is administered in the 51 flood impacted parishes and is targeted to people experiencing homelessness and people living in institutions. Applications are being accepted now.

If I qualify, what services may I receive from this program?

PSH offers rental assistance for a variety of housing units so that individuals with disabilities are able to remain in or reenter the community. PSH participants pay 30% of their monthly income on rent.

Services that support successful tenancy are provided by Community Support Specialists who assist PSH tenants in properties' application and leasing processes. This specialist will help you seek reasonable accommodation and support you in acquiring the skills and resources necessary to be a successful tenant.

Tenancy support services are included at no additional cost. The services depend on the needs of the residents, but may include:

- Pre-tenancy support, such as help obtaining the necessary documents to complete a housing application and moving into the new unit
- Assistance for the individual to develop daily living skills specific to managing his/her own home, including managing his/her money, medications, and transportation, using community resources, and other self-care techniques
- Assistance communicating with landlord and neighbors
- Social support
- Strength-based, solution-focused individual counseling
- Crisis intervention and 24-hour emergency services

Who can qualify for Permanent Supportive Housing?

To be eligible for PSH, a household must include a person who has a disability and is currently receiving one of the following:

- Mental Health Rehabilitation (MHR) services
- Eligible waiver services
- Ryan White services
- Access to Recovery (ATR)- which offers substance abuse treatment and recovery support services
- Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CAHBI)- which provides treatment and housing support for the chronically homeless
- Be living in a nursing home

The household must also:

- Be very low-income (50% AMI)
- Be in need of supportive services

Please note: For the PSH Section 811 Project Rental Assistance, eligible applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 62 and be at or below 30% of Area Median Income.

A substantial, long term disability may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Developmental disability (disability that occurred before the age of 22)
- Serious mental illness (mental illness or mental illness with substance abuse)
- Disability acquired after the age of 22 (physical disability, cognitive disability, sensory disability, disability caused by chronic illness, disability caused by HIV/AIDS who are no longer able to work)
- Age-related disability (i.e., frail elderly)

For more information or how to apply, contact:

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