WHAT IS IT?

The Crisis Housing Fund is a flexible pool of money that provides short-term housing assistance to persons with a serious mental illness whose income is being used to pay for an inpatient psychiatric treatment of 90 days or less. Hearth Connection administers this program under contract with the Minnesota Department of Human Services and it is funded through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services Behavioral Health Division.

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

Crisis Housing funds cover housing-related expenses a person is paying, but cannot now pay because their income is being used for treatment OR because of the loss of income while in treatment. Housing expenses include:

• Rent or mortgage
• Lot fees or association fees
• Heating and electricity
• Water and sewer
• Garbage disposal
• Phone service

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To receive Crisis Housing funds, a person must meet ALL of the following requirements:

• Diagnosis of a serious mental illness
• Have rent or ownership based community housing
• Be of low or moderate income (defined by HUD)
• Admitted to an inpatient mental health or chemical dependency treatment facility
• Have a case manager or representative agency willing to submit an application

WHERE DO I START?

Applications must be submitted by a case manager or representative from a registered Applicant Agency. If you’re someone in need of assistance while in treatment, ask your case manager about the Crisis Housing Fund!

If you’re a nonprofit, case management agency, treatment facility, or county entity wishing to learn more, please visit www.hearthconnection.org/crisis-housing, or contact Nellie Bruce at 651-369-1487 or nellie@hearthconnection.org.