What is “Supportive Housing?”
Supportive Housing is a type of housing for persons leaving homelessness that offers rental assistance (length of assistance depends on the program) and supportive services.
Housing Forward partners with 35+ area landlords to provide 200+ apartment units throughout west and south suburban Cook County that are affordable and accessible for the participants we serve.

How are we ending homelessness through Supportive Housing?
- Reducing the length of time program participants spend in homelessness
- Exiting households to permanent housing
- Limiting returns to homelessness within one year of program exit
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
• Engage in case management meetings & life skills training
• May have a disabling condition limiting 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 Service
• Connection between tenant and landlord
• Housing identification, location services
• Case management and supportive services
• All necessary furnishings supplied for apartment if Permanent Supportive Housing clients.
• Assistance in acquiring furnishings for rental assistance (Rapid Re-Housing) clients.

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 (Rapid Re-Housing) 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 for Permanent Supportive Housing clients.
• Agree to a lease with negotiable terms (6, 9, 12 months) between the landlord and tenant for rental assistance (Rapid Re-Housing) clients.
• Own 1-2- or 3-bedroom apartments in west suburban Cook County in the price range of program (Please contact Housing Coordinator for further information.)
• Apartment must pass a Housing Quality Inspection and lead screening by Housing Forward; and
• Agree to complete a W-9 form

What are the Program’s Benefits?
• By working with our program, you eliminate advertising costs with access to a pool of ready-to-rent tenants.
• Damage/security deposits covered. Our organization aims to help individuals get back up on their feet so we help clients with this payment.
• Eligible clients receive a subsidy to help them cover their rental expense.
• Guaranteed monthly payment
• 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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