



Affordable Low-Barrier Housing Program (ALBH)

Overview:

The Affordable Low-Barrier Housing (ALBH) Program, created by the Community Alliance for the Homeless (CAFTH), is a comprehensive housing initiative designed to address the diverse needs of our community. This program incentivizes landlords to rent their units to individuals and families by providing security deposit assistance, first month's rent assistance, and landlord mitigation (if needed). The primary function of the ALBH Program is to bridge the final gap toward housing.

Intended Recipients:

- Individuals & Families who meet HUD's Homelessness Definition and are enrolled in Coordinated Entry.
- Individuals & Families exiting from CoC-funded housing programs.
- Individuals & Families exiting transitional housing.

Key Features:

- **Affordable Housing Solutions:**
 - ALBH offers a variety of affordable housing options tailored to meet the needs of different income levels.
- **Supportive Services**
 - CAFTH's Housing Team can provide housing navigation assistance. If needed, this assistance can be provided in collaboration with the referring Case Manager.
 - The CAFTH Senior Housing Navigator serves as a resource and point of contact **ONLY for Landlord Documentations & Mitigation** (covering damages beyond normal wear and tear & is greater than the security deposit amount).

Steps:

1. The client (Head of household) must be in the HMIS-Coordinated Entry System and enrolled in the ALBH program.
 - a. If the client does not have a unit/landlord selected yet, in the notes section, note that the client is currently searching or housing navigation is needed.
 - i. If housing navigation is requested, CAFTH's Housing Navigator will contact the Case Manager through the HMIS message box.
2. The landlord's two upfront fees, the first month's rent and security deposit, can be entered in the notes section along with the landlord's name, property address, and contact information.
3. The Senior Housing Navigator will call the landlord to confirm the amount requested and give the landlord details about the next steps.
 - a. The Senior Housing Navigator will follow up with an email recapping the phone conversation and attaching the documentation the landlord needs to complete.



4. When the Landlord sends the Senior Housing Navigator the completed **Landlord Information & Fee Request Form** and **Direct Deposit & Check Authorization Form**, the Senior Housing Navigator will submit payment for security deposit. When the landlord provides a **copy of the signed lease**, the Senior Housing Navigator will submit payment for the first month's rent. (All documents from the landlord will be uploaded into HMIS by CAFTH's Senior Housing Navigator).

NOTE: The landlord must provide the Senior Housing Navigator with a copy of the signed lease within 30 days of receiving the initial documents. If the landlord fails to do so, they will not qualify for landlord mitigation of up to \$1,000.00.

How to Get Involved:

For any questions or concerns regarding the Affordable Low Barrier Housing Program, please contact:

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