Affordable Low Barrier Housing (ALBH) Program - Overview for Service Providers





Program 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 way for this program to assist is with <u>bridging the</u> <u>final gap</u> towards housing.



Eligible Recipients

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





Enrollment Process

Enroll in HMIS

Step 1: Enroll in HMIS

- The client (Head of Household) must be in the HMIS-Coordinated Entry System and enrolled in the ALBH Program.
 - Senior Housing Navigator will review enrollment info on a weekly basis



Request Fees

Step 2: Request Fees

- If client do not have a unit/landlord selected yet, <u>in the notes</u> section, note that client is currently searching, or housing navigation is needed by CAFTH's housing team.
 - If housing navigation is requested, a CAFTH's Housing Navigator will begin contact with you in the HMIS message box.
- Once housing has been identified, the two up front fees, <u>first</u> month's rent and security deposit, can be entered in the notes section along with Landlord's name, property address, and contact information.



Documentation & Fees Submission

Step 3: Documentation & Fees Submission

- Security deposit will be paid when:
 - Landlord provides <u>Landlord Information & Fee Request</u>
 <u>Form</u> and <u>Direct Deposit & Check Authorization Form.</u>
 - First Month's rent will be paid when landlord provide:
 - A copy of the signed leased

All documents from the landlord will be uploaded into HMIS by CAFTH's Senior Housing Navigator.





Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund

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- Landlords may file a claim per property from this fund if there are physical damages to the unit that are:
 - Above and beyond normal wear and tear; AND
 - The cost to fix the damages is greater than the security deposit.
- Prioritization is given to claims that will help prevent tenant eviction and maintain tenant-landlord relationships rather than pay for turnover costs.
- The claim process and payment timeline is different for this fund, and the details can be found in the full ALBH Policies and Procedures document



Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact



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