



Housing Stability Services Update

Community Housing Network & Lighthouse MI

Housing Stability Services (HSS) Overview

- Transitional program to assist renter households after CERA
- Provides in-depth case management to help clients reach housing stability
 - Screenings and referrals for other programs
 - Connection to Legal Services
 - Assistance applying for MDHHS Benefits
 - Helping create emergency budgets and long-term stability budgets
 - Finding alternative housing situations (affordable, temporary / long-term)
- Continues until the household is stably housed

HSS General Eligibility

- Under 80% Area Median Income
- Resident of Oakland County
- Renter Households
- **Facing Housing Instability**
 - Court involvement prioritized

Coordinated Entry Process

Complete Screening

- Housing Resource Center:
 - Completing the Housing Needs Information Request found [here](#), **OR...**
 - Leave a message at 248-269-1335, text "housing" to 248-269-1335, or send an email to HRC@chninc.net
- Court Pre-Trial Screenings

Resources and Referrals

- Provide resources and referrals via phone and/or email

If appropriate, refer to HSS and Prevention Registry

- Homeless Prevention
OR...
- Housing Stability Services

HSS Case Management Success Looks Like...

- "An HSS participant was able to get approved for \$2000 rental assistance through the National MS Society-Michigan Chapter!"
- "PP became homeless in December, sleeping in their car, or occasionally staying with family. PP was approved for a 2 bedroom in Auburn Hills in late February. PP was able to afford the security deposit and first month's rent through their employment and help from family. Now they are working on getting some furniture and building their credit to become a homeowner!"
- "PP was living in a hotel with their two children, paying \$1,680 per week themselves. PP needed \$3,100 for relocation expenses. While MDHHS provided assistance, the PP saved up the majority of the money themselves for the security deposit and first month's rent. They are now renting a 3 bedroom in Novi, working on their budgeting!"

We now have
some funds!



Community Development
Block Grant COVID-19
(CDBG-CV)

Oakland County
Neighborhood &
Housing Development
Division



Homeless Prevention
Program

MSHDA HOME-ARP

Additional Information

HSS Court Pre-Trial Attendance (Southfield, Pontiac, Oak Park)

Housing Stability Clinics

Additional questions from community partners can be directed to either:

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TENANTS AND LANDLORDS WELCOME!

- Rent Payment Problems
- Recertifications
- Leases, Repairs and other Disputes
- and much more!

FREE HOUSING SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

IN PERSON
3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH: 4-6PM

Pontiac Public Library
60 E Pike St #2225
Pontiac, MI 48342

VIRTUAL
1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH: 4-6PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 820 480 6827
Call In: 646-876-9923 OR 669-900-6833

DROP-INS WELCOME
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

For RSVP and Questions:
evictionservices@lighthousemi.org
SUBJECT LINE: Housing Open House
248-920-6000 ext 7701

CLINIC OFFERS:

- Mediation
- Legal advice for eligible* tenants
- Information on programs and resources

*In general, eligible tenants are Oakland County renters who are US Citizens or Legal Permanent Residents, and do not have a conflict of interest at Lakeshore Legal Aid. Based on the facts of each case, there may be other disqualifying factors determined in the screening process.

Questions

