

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

## **What is Rapid Rehousing (RRH)?**

RRH is a short to medium term rental assistance program to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness and fleeing domestic violence rapidly get back into safe, affordable housing by providing monthly supportive services and rental assistance.

## **What is Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)?**

PSH is a long-term rental assistance program that helps individuals and families experiencing homelessness, who also have a qualifying disability, access safe, affordable housing by providing supportive services and rental assistance.

## **What is the difference between a rental assistance program and a voucher?**

A rental assistance program is administered by a non-profit organization and provides the rental subsidy for the rental obligation per their funder's regulations and requirements. Rental assistance programs also provide supportive services for participants. Vouchers are administered by a Public Housing Authority and provide a rental subsidy for the rental obligation without supportive services. For both rental assistance programs and vouchers, participants contribute 30% of their gross monthly income.

## **What supportive services are included for tenants?**

Case management, home visits, resource referral, coordination of services, landlord and tenant mediation, as well as but not limited to advocacy.

## **Why does the unit have to be inspected?**

Units must pass an inspection for financial assistance to be provided as the units are required to be a safe place to live. RRH, PSH, and vouchers all require a passed Housing Quality Standards Inspection annually.

## **Why is there a 1 year lease requirement?**

A 1 year lease is required by HUD and MSHDA to increase housing stability. A one year lease reinforces housing stability and our community sees success in participants staying housed for the duration of their lease.

## **Want more information?**

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