

Additional resources for community living

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Resources to help find housing

The following websites can help people with their housing search:

- [Disability Hub MN](#)
- [HUD affordable apartment search](#)
- [Housing Benefits 101 \(HB101\)](#)
- [MinnesotaHelp.info](#)
- [HousingLink search engine](#)
- [CBSM housing resources](#)

Resources to help afford housing

[Housing Support \(formerly Group Residential Housing\)](#) pays for room and board for older adults and adults with disabilities who have low incomes. The program aims to reduce and prevent people from living in institutions or becoming homeless.

[General Assistance \(GA\)](#) helps people without children pay for basic needs. It provides money to people who can't work enough to support themselves, and whose income and resources are very low.

[Minnesota Supplemental Aid \(MSA\)](#) provides cash assistance to help adults who get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pay for their basic needs. Some people who are blind, have a disability or are older than age 65 but do not get SSI because their other income is too high may also be eligible for MSA if they meet the income limit.

[Social Security Benefits Advocacy and The SOAR program](#) can help people apply for SSI and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.

[Emergency General Assistance](#) is a cash-grant program that provides emergency help for adults without children who are facing evictions, foreclosures, utility shut-offs or other household emergencies.

[Emergency Assistance](#) is a cash-grant program that provides emergency help for families who are facing evictions, foreclosures, utility shut-offs or other household emergencies.

[Bridges Rental Assistance](#) helps people and families that include at least one adult with a serious mental illness pay for privately owned rental housing. This help continues until the person/family becomes eligible for another housing program (e.g., Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers), or until the person/family moves into another type of housing.

[Section 8 Family Unification Program \(FUP\)](#) helps two different populations:

- Families at risk of being separated due to lack of housing.
- Former foster youth age 18-21 who left foster care at age 16 or older.

The federal government funds this program, and local public housing authorities administer it. If a family or young adult qualifies, they will receive help paying for rent in any privately owned housing that will accept FUP as payment.

[Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS \(HOPWA\)](#) is a resource for people with low income who are HIV-positive or living with a family member who is HIV-positive. The person and family might be able to get help from HOPWA through:

- Access to supportive housing units.
- Grants.
- Rent help.

HOPWA helps in different ways, depending on the person's needs and the local agency running the HOPWA program in the person's area.

[Disability Benefits 101 \(DB101\)](#) is an interactive tool that helps people with disabilities learn how income and benefits interact so they can make informed choices about their work, manage their benefits and maximize their potential.

[Minnesota Housing/Section 811](#) is a DHS partnership with Minnesota Housing that subsidizes rental units for people younger than age 62 who meet certain eligibility rules

[Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program \(FHPAP\)](#) provides supportive services and/or financial assistance to families, youth and singles who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

[HB101 tribal housing](#) is a resource available to American Indians. There are multiple types of housing benefits (e.g., help with rent or home loans, low-cost housing projects, Section 184 Indian Home Loans). Some types of help might be available to a member of any tribal nation (i.e., not just a member of a tribal nation located in Minnesota).

This resource provides contact information for the 11 tribal nations in Minnesota. Contact the tribal nation directly for information about what programs are available to a person.

[HB101 rural housing](#) is a resource about rural housing. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Rural Development provides loans, grants and rent help to make rural housing affordable and safe. A person may qualify for:

- Home purchase loans.
- Home repair loans.
- Home modification loans.
- Grants.
- Rent assistance to lower payments.

For a list of qualifying rural locations, refer to [USDA income and property eligibility site](#).

[Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing \(VASH\) Voucher program](#) is for homeless veterans. It pairs Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance with case management and supportive services. A housing authority provides the rental assistance, and the local VA offers supportive services.

Alternative transition services if a person is not qualified for Moving Home Minnesota Housing Stabilization Services is a new Minnesota Medical Assistance benefit to help people with disabilities, including mental illness and substance use disorder, and older adults find and keep housing.

[Relocation service coordination targeted case management](#) provides coordination of activities to help a person who resides in an eligible institution gain access to medical, social, educational, financial, housing and other services and supports that are necessary to move to the community.

[Transitional services \(disability waivers\)](#) and [transitional services \(Alternative Care \[AC\] and Elderly Waiver \[EW\]\)](#) are waiver services that provide items and expenses necessary and reasonable for a person to transition from an eligible setting to their own home