

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

What is permanent supportive housing?

The overall goal of permanent supportive housing (PSH) is to protect clients from losing their housing and becoming homeless. The two types of PSH available are *PSH for Chronically Homeless* and *PSH Shelter + Care*. Clients of either types receive help locating a 12 month lease for a rental unit, monthly rental assistance, and access to case management. Assistance could be available in the form of rental assistance, security and utility deposit assistance, utility payments, housing search and payment, pest control, and case management.

Who is eligible for services?

In order to qualify for PSH for Chronically Homeless, one must:

- Be literally homeless (live in a shelter or a place not meant for human habitation), AND
- Have a documented disability of mental illness, HIV/AIDS, or substance abuse, AND
- Live in Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, or Warren County, or the City of Winchester, AND
- Meet the definition of “chronically homeless”, to be explained by your service provider



In order to qualify for PSH Shelter + Care, one must:

- Be literally homeless (live in a shelter or a place not meant for human habitation), AND
- Have a documented disability, of mental illness, HIV/AIDS, or substance abuse, AND
- Live in Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, or Warren County, or the City of Winchester, AND
- Must have an income, AND
- Must agree to all recommended service provision, such as mental health or substance abuse counseling

Where can I find it in my community?

In the Western Virginia Continuum of Care (CoC), the Northwestern Community Services Board and the Harrisonburg Redevelopment Housing Authority offer permanent supportive housing.

It is very important to note that agencies might not always have funds available, so it is important to pursue multiple resources.

Please contact Centralized Housing Intake for further information (540) 271-1701, not the agencies directly.

How is it funded?

Funds for permanent supportive housing come from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, the Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program.

All assistance is needs-based and will vary on a service provider's assessment of the minimum resources required to sustain housing stability in the short term. Clients may be required to share in the costs of rent or other housing costs with their own funds.