

Rental Assistance

For most clients, some form of rental assistance will be necessary to get them housed. There are many different types of subsidies, each with their own eligibility requirements. This is probably the most confusing part of trying to get housed, and where your expertise as a navigator will be of the greatest value. You will work the client to fill out and submit applications to various resources, and help them follow up on those applications.

To determine what the best resource is for your client, first you need to look at their VI-SPDAT. Each score range has appropriate resources. Below is a partial list to start; other resources may be available in your area.

| 1-3: ESHAP Ineligible | 4-7 Single, 4-8 Family: RRH eligible | 8+ Single, 9+ Family: PSH Eligible |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a copy of the Maine Housing Guide • Give contact information for local GA office • Provide information on accessing mainstream resources • Refer household to mainehousingsearch.org • Refer household to 211 • Or- Justification letter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Coordinated Entry System (CES) • Subsidized Housing through any/all Housing Authorities • Project Based subsidies (ex, LIHTC) • Mainstream or Home To Stay HCV • Housing Choice Vouchers Family Unification Program • Fair Market Rent • Or- Justification Letter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to CES • Non-Elderly Disabled HCV • Bridging Rental Assistance Program (BRAP) • Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (HUD VASH) • Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) • Supported Housing Programs • Or- Justification Letter |

