

MARYLAND BRIDGE SUBSIDY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

A recommendation of the Governor's Commission on Housing Policy

OWNER PARTICIPATION FACT SHEET

- The purpose of the program is to provide short-term rental assistance (up to three years) for individuals with disabilities who are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) payments or who are identified by the Maryland Department of Aging as approved to participate in the Older Adults Waiver, while they are awaiting permanent housing assistance.
- Service Providers of the Mental Hygiene Administration, the Developmental Disabilities Administration, the Center for Independent Living, The Coordinating Center and the Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) will determine eligibility and suitability for program participation.
- The local Public Housing Authority will administer the rental payments made to owners on behalf of the program participants.
- The maximum rent an owner will be paid is the lesser of the advertised rent or 100% of the fair market rent for the area in which the property is located.
- The participant's portion of the rent will be 30% of the family income.
- The unit is eligible for coverage under the program if it passes a Housing Quality Standards inspection, is part of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's portfolio, or is regulated by another Federal or State program.
- Owners may use their normal tenant screening processes to determine whether to accept a Program Participant as a tenant.
- If the Owner agrees to accept a Program Participant as a tenant, the owner must complete a Unit Identification Form, which the participant's service provider will submit to the local Public Housing Authority.
- The Public Housing Authority will approve the rent and inspect the property.
- The service provider will notify the owner and participant that they can enter into a lease. **The participant cannot move in until the service provider sends written notification to do so.**
- The Public Housing Authority, Owner and Participant sign a housing contract.



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