Affordable Housing Section 811 Project Rental Assistance

Texas Health and Human Services

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Equal Housing Opportunity

Gain independence and freedom with continued access to support services.

Often, the basic necessity of a stable home can be difficult to obtain. The Section 811 Project Rental Assistance program makes an accessible home in the community affordable for low-income adults with disabilities (ages 18 and older, and less than 62 years of age at time of admission to the property). Residents can share their apartment with family or friends, if they meet program income requirements, or they can live with a care provider.

Cost

Tenants must be Medicaid-eligible and will pay no more than 30 percent of their household income for rent and utilities. The program pays the rest.

Rent is based on income.

Your rent does not change unless your income changes.

You can continue to receive services that help you stay in the apartment, but these services are voluntary.

Accessibility

Features may include:

- Accessible pedestrian routes
- Widened doorways and entryways
- Elevator access

Service animals and live-in aides if authorized by a medical professional

Support

Your case manager and other HHS staff can help you with:

- Understanding program requirements and eligibility.
- Selecting a property.
- Applying for housing.
- Creating a transition plan.
- Identifying resources.

At age 37, Sedric B. experienced some medical issues that led him to living in a nursing home. Through the Section 811 program, he recently moved into his own apartment.

"You don't feel so handicapped when you move into your own space. Here, it's about managing your resources. I take care of my medical stuff, get back to work and jump back on that society train. It's an adjustment, but you wake up every day knowing this is yours."

"Money Follows the Person" means people who are eligible for Medicaid can choose an appropriate community setting to receive community services and supports.

Units are available in:

- Austin-Round Rock area
- Brownsville-Harlingen area
- Dallas area (Fort Worth, Arlington)
- El Paso
- Houston area (The Woodlands, Sugar Land)
- McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area
- San Antonio
- New Braunfels
- Corpus Christi

Income eligibility is based on the geographic area where you want to live. Your case worker can help you determine if your household meets program requirements.

Ask your case manager for more information on Section 811 housing.

View available properties at: bit.ly/section811

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