

Step By Step, Inc. Housing Subsidy Program

Criteria for Eligibility for the Step By Step, Inc. Housing Subsidy Program.

An individual/family moving into a new home/apartment or someone already living in their home/apartment that needs a one-time subsidy is eligible for the Step By Step, Inc. Housing Subsidy Program if that individual/family meets the following criteria:

- Applicant **must** currently be residing in Northampton County.
- Applicant **must** have a diagnosis of a serious mental illness (Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, Psychotic Disorder or Major Mood Disorder). Proof of diagnosis is required.
- Applicant **must** be receiving case management services, either funded by Northampton County Mental Health or Magellan Behavioral Health. (Case Management services include: Administrative, Resource Coordination, Blended Case Management, Intensive Case Management or ACT Services.)
- If moving to a new location, both the old address and the new address **MUST** be in Northampton County
- Applicant must provide proof of income and it must be in the **very low income** level as follows:

Number of Household Members	Annual Income Maximum ***
1 member	\$25,700
2 members	\$29,400
3 members	\$33,050
4 members	\$36,700
5 members	\$39,650
6 members	\$42,600

*** The limits established in this section are HUD Standards for very low income category

- Applicant **must** be able to afford home/apartment.

- Applicant **must** agree to utilize income saved toward home improvement; i.e. furniture, kitchen utensils, linens, appliances, etc... If this is not possible due to shortage of income, then the individual must indicate how income saved will be spent i.e. (food, clothing, medication etc.)
- Applicant receiving the subsidy must **agree** to be contacted by Step By Step every 6 months for an update on their current living status. In the event the individual cannot be reached, the case manager will be contacted.

Housing subsidy for persons who meet the qualifications is as follows:

- Security deposit up to a maximum amount of \$650

OR

- 1st months rent up to a maximum amount of \$650

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***This is a one time subsidy.
Once an individual has received funding, they are unable to
apply for future subsidies.***