The Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin administers a *2018 Section 811 Mainstream Voucher Project* to assist persons or households with a member having a long term disability who reside in an institutional or other segregated setting, are at serious risk of institutionalization, are homeless, or are at risk of becoming homeless obtain housing in the community through a Section 811 Mainstream housing subsidy voucher.

To apply, please read and follow the requirements and procedures below.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. An eligible household consists of a household composed of one or more non-elderly person with disabilities, which may include additional household members who are not non-elderly persons with disabilities. A household where the sole member is an emancipated minor is not an eligible household.

For purposes of determining eligibility, a non-elderly person with disabilities is a person 18 years of age or older and less than 62 years of age, and who:

(i) Has a disability, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 423

(ii) Is determined, pursuant to HUD regulations, to have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that:

(A) Is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration;

(B) Substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently, and

(C) Is of such a nature that the ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions; or

(iii) Has a developmental disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. 6001;

2. The *Section 811 Mainstream Voucher Project* assists non-elderly persons with disabilities, who are:

***A. Residing in an Institutional or other segregated settings***which include, but are not limited to: (1) congregate settings populated exclusively or primarily with individuals with disabilities; (2) congregate settings characterized by regimentation in daily activities, lack of privacy or autonomy, policies limiting visitors, or limits on individuals’ ability to engage freely in community activities and to manage their own activities of daily living; or (3) settings that provide for daytime activities primarily with other individuals with disabilities.

***B. At serious risk of institutionalization***which includes an individual with a disability who as a result of a public entity's failure to provide community services or its cut to such services will likely cause a decline in health, safety, or welfare that would lead to the individual's eventual placement in an institution. This includes individuals experiencing lack of access to supportive services for independent living, long waiting lists for or lack of access to housing combined with community based services, individuals currently living under poor housing conditions or homeless with barriers to geographic mobility, and/or currently living alone but requiring supportive services for independent living. A person cannot be considered at serious risk of institutionalization unless the person has a disability. An individual may be designated as at serious risk of institutionalization either by a health and human services agency, by a community-based organization, or by self-identification.

***C. Homeless:***  Homeless Definition:

(1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

1. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground; or
2. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low- income individuals); or
3. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution; or
4. Residents in Safe Haven (Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven); or
5. An individual or family who was in any of the above circumstances more than once within the past three years prior to their application date and may currently be residing in an unstable and temporary housing situation.

(2) Any individual or family who:

1. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual’s or family’s primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; and
2. Has no other residence; and
3. Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

The following criteria are used to establish an individual’s or a family’s eligibility for Category (2) above:

Actual or threatened physical violence directed against the individual or the individual’s family by a spouse or other household member who lives in the unit with the family.

The actual or threatened violence must have occurred within the past 60 days or be of a continuing nature.

An individual who lives in a violent neighborhood or is fearful of other violence outside the household is not considered involuntarily displaced.

OR

(3) An individual or family who has been HOMELESS DEFINED BY (1) AND/OR (2) ABOVE DURING THE PAST 36 MONTHS and now is “At risk of becoming homeless,” meaning:

1. Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “Homeless” definition in this section;

AND

1. Meets one of the following conditions:

(A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;

(B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;

(C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days of the date of application for assistance;

(D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals;

(E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons, or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;

(F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or

(G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.

**APPLICATION:**

1. Institutionalized (as defined under Eligibility 2.A):

If you are currently residing in an congregate setting that **is populated exclusively or primarily with individuals with disabilities**, ask if your facility operates with the following disability services providers that participate with the 811 Mainstream Voucher Program in Dauphin County, who can then refer you to the program based on proof of your facility stay:

For Nursing Homes: Only these **N**ursing **H**ome **T**ransition Agencies serving Dauphin County:

* Center for Independent living of Central PA (CILCP);
* Abilities in Motion (AIM)
* Service Access and Management (SAM)

For Institutions or Congregate Care facilities serving mental health or intellectual disabilities (MH/ID): Only facilities served, operated by, or referred to by:

* Case Management Unit
* Keystone Mental Health or Keystone Autism Services
* Merakay Behavioral Health

1. At risk of institutionalization (as defined under Eligibility 2.B):

To apply you will need proof that you are at risk of institutionalization as defined in 2.B. If you ALREADY receive active services through the participating agencies mentioned above they may refer you as part of the ongoing services you receive from them.

*If you are NOT enrolled in* ***ongoing services*** *related to your disability but would like to receive* ***services****, the following disability service providers can assist in obtaining disability* ***services****.* ***Please note****, MH/ID agencies are NOT housing providers but service providers so you would be enrolling for the primary purpose of* ***services for your disability****. In other words, these agencies can help with your Section 811 program application as eligible, ONLY if you are enrolling or already enrolled for* ***services*** *and not simply as a way to make a housing application.*

Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Agency Services Provider:

Case Management Unit: 1100 S Cameron St Suite 1, Harrisburg, PA 17104, (717) 232-8761

Nursing Home Transitions, Physical or other Disabilities Agency Services Provider:

Center for Independent Living of Central PA 207 House Ave, Camp Hill, PA 17011, (717) 731-1900.

1. Homeless (as defined under Eligibility 2.C):

Application based on homelessness is **solely** through the Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH) “**Coordinated Entry**” process.

If you are:

* 1. **Currently staying at a homeless only shelter/facility or hotel/motel subsidized by an agency**, that program can refer you ONLY IF it participates in the Coordinated Entry process. Ask your program if it uses CACH Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the Coordinated Entry process.
  2. **Homeless as defined under Eligibility 2C(3)**, contact the homeless shelter, housing or service provider that you were at when you were homeless during the previous 36 months. The homeless agency must be a homeless service provider that is a part of the CACH network i.e. the program uses CACH Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the Coordinated Entry process.
  3. **Unsheltered**, contact HELP Ministries Office, 413 S 19th St, Harrisburg, PA 17104. Unsheltered applicants should specifically request eligibility assessment for the 811 Mainstream Voucher program.

1. Self-Referral:

If you are not able to apply through a service provider for sections 1 and 2 above, you may apply through self-referral by contacting the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin directly for an application and a list of all required documentation.  *Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin, 501 Mohn Street, Steelton, PA 17113, Phone: 717-939-9301.*