



SUPPORTING PENNSYLVANIANS THROUGH HOUSING

2017-18 UPDATE

STRATEGY NO. 1: CONNECT PEOPLE TO HOUSING



GOAL NO. 1: Build better local and state housing partnerships.

GOAL NO. 2: Provide IT tools to the Local Referral Network to better connect individuals and families to housing.

GOAL NO. 3: Expand the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program in partnership with PHFA.



HUD Mainstream Voucher Awards

HUD announced awards on September 4, 2018:

- Nationwide:
 - 285 entities received awards.
 - 11,931 vouchers awarded.
 - Funding totaling \$98,568,899
 - Approximately \$300 million remains for future NOFAs
- In Pennsylvania:
 - 13 PHAs received awards
 - 449 Vouchers Awarded
 - \$3,669,952 Funding Awarded
- Another round of funding expected Spring 2019

PA Mainstream Voucher Awards – First Round

1. Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh	28	\$202,091
2. Philadelphia Housing Authority	99	\$873,953
3. Allegheny Co. Housing Authority	28	\$143,271
4. Chester Housing Authority	45	\$447,941
5. Reading Housing Authority	22	\$143,619
6. Housing Authority of the County of Butler	17	\$79,987
7. Montgomery Co. Housing Authority	40	\$425,031
8. Housing Authority Co. of Delaware	45	\$413,424
9. The Housing Authority of Monroe County	14	\$132,094
10. Housing Authority of the Co. of Franklin	11	\$51,560
11. Housing Authority of the Co. of Dauphin	41	\$325,276
12. Bucks Co. Housing Authority	45	\$355,979
13. Adams Co. Housing Authority	14	\$75,726

Section 811 PRA

- A project-based rent assistance subsidy for persons with disabilities and extremely low-incomes.
- Implemented as a partnership between PHFA and DHS to increase access to affordable, integrated, and accessible housing.
- Funding for 400 units statewide, plus leveraged an additional 300 Housing Choice Vouchers and/or Public Housing Units for this population.
- Connect to 811 PRA through Local Lead Agencies (LLAs) and/or Regional Housing Coordinators (RHCs)
 - https://www.phfa.org/forms/local_lead_agencies/dhs-local-lead-agencies.pdf
 - 811@sdhp.org

Section 811 PRA

Active 811 Counties:

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| 1. Forest | 14. Fayette |
| 2. Allegheny | 15. Franklin |
| 3. Beaver | 16. Indiana |
| 4. Berks | 17. Jefferson |
| 5. Bradford | 18. Lancaster |
| 6. Butler | 19. Lackawanna |
| 7. Cambria | 20. Luzerne |
| 8. Centre | 21. Mercer |
| 9. Chester | 22. Mifflin |
| 10. Clinton | 23. Montgomery |
| 11. Cumberland | 24. Philadelphia |
| 12. Dauphin | 25. York |
| 13. Erie | |

811 By the Numbers:	
Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Commitments	361
Rental Assistance Contracts	61
Units Committed	333
811 Move Ins	101
HCV Move Ins	140



Section 811 PRA – Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Age 18 to 61**
- 2. Person has a disability (HUD Definition)**
- 3. Has Medicaid or is eligible for Medicaid**
- 4. Household's gross income at or below 30% AMI**
- 5. Eligible for long-term services and supports**
 - Tenancy not contingent upon receipt of services; can choose not to receive services and still be eligible.
 - Eligible for community-based, long-term care services through a Medicaid state plan option or Medicaid waivers.



Section 811 PRA – Priority Populations

Waiting List is sorted by current housing status

Priority 1 – Living in an Institution

Priority 2 – At-risk of Institutionalization

Priority 3 – Living in Congregate Care

STRATEGY NO. 2: STRENGTHEN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT ADDRESS HOUSING NEEDS.



GOAL NO. 1: Maximize Medicaid funding for housing-related services and supports.

GOAL NO. 2: Increase housing opportunities and services for individuals in the criminal justice system with mental illness and substance use disorder.

Program Office Initiatives Implement Housing Services and Supports

- ODP Waivers
- OLTL - Community-based waivers and Community Health Choices (CHC)
- OMHSAS - Health Choices Behavioral Health Program

STRATEGY NO. 3: EXPAND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOUSING.



- GOAL NO. 1:** Develop public and private partnerships.
- GOAL NO. 2:** Target existing DHS resources for housing programs.
- GOAL NO. 3:** Redirect existing homeless and housing services resources toward housing; partner with DCED, PHFA and the Homeless Continua of Care.

Support Services Navigation and Housing Services for Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Pilot Funding

- PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) was awarded 2018 State Opioid Response Grant Funding. DHS and DDAP are working together with other partners to implement the proposed pilot projects.
- \$15 Million in federal Substance Abuse and Mental health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grants available.
- Address housing instability as a significant barrier to treatment success

Support Services Navigation and Housing Services for Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Pilot Funding

Required Services and Activities

- Supportive Services: Intensive Case Management
 - Recovery Services
 - Basic Needs and Self-sufficiency Supports
- Housing and Housing Services
 - Housing Education and Supports
 - Rental Assistance
- Outcomes Measurement & Data Collection

Support Services Navigation and Housing Services for Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Pilot Funding

RURAL COUNTIES:

1. **Armstrong**
2. **Blair**
3. **Butler**
4. **Cameron**
5. **Fayette**
6. **Greene**
7. **Lawrence**
8. **Mercer**
9. **Mifflin**
10. **Washington**

URBAN COUNTIES:

1. **Allegheny**
2. **Dauphin**
3. **Delaware**
4. **Lackawanna**
5. **Lehigh**
6. **Luzerne**
7. **Philadelphia**

Awards Announced March 27, 2019

STRATEGY NO. 4: MEASURE AND COMMUNICATE PROGRESS



GOAL NO. 1: Track metrics and measure outcomes.

GOAL NO. 2: Continually improve DHS programs.

GOAL NO. 3: Communicate the progress of the DHS Housing Strategy to stakeholders and advocates.

Permanent Supportive Housing and Medicaid Utilization Data Match

- Partner with University of Pittsburgh Medicaid Research Center, DCED and Homeless Continua of Care
- Medicare/Medicaid encounter data + Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data (not statewide)
- Multi-phase study
- Preliminary results are promising.

To read the DHS Five Year Housing Strategy, please visit:

www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/housing

PARTNERS

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