What is “Supportive Housing?”
Supportive Housing is a type of housing for persons leaving homelessness that offers rental assistance (length of assistance depends on the program) and supportive services.

Housing Forward partners with 35+ area landlords to provide 200+ apartment units throughout west and south suburban Cook County that are affordable and accessible for the participants we serve.

How are we ending homelessness through Supportive Housing?
- Reducing the length of time program participants spend in homelessness
- Exiting households to permanent housing
- Limiting returns to homelessness within one year of program exit

Housing Forward is the only nonprofit organization in west Cook County with a comprehensive, long-term solution for preventing and ending homelessness. Founded in 1992, the agency provides integrated services to at-risk and homeless individuals and families in six areas: Emergency Assistance, Employment Readiness, Supportive Housing, Outreach & Engagement, Supportive Services, and Emergency Shelter. Housing Forward’s goal is to transition people from financial and housing crisis to stability. For more information, visit www.housingforward.org.
**A Brief Overview of the Landlord Partnership Program**

**Our Participants**
- Contribute a portion of their gross adjusted income either to Housing Forward as a program fee or directly to the landlord based on the type of program.
- Engage in case management meetings & life skills training.
- May have a disabling condition limiting their ability to work.
- Are not required to have income upon admission to our programs. Increasing their income while stabilized in housing is a program goal.

**Our Services**
- Connection between tenant and landlord.
- Housing identification, location services.
- Case management and supportive services.
- All necessary furnishings supplied for apartment if Permanent Supportive Housing clients.
- Assistance in acquiring furnishings for rental assistance (Rapid Re-Housing) clients.

**Leasing Arrangement**
- A third-party lease with landlord and participant.
- Housing Forward will sign lease as tenant for those enrolled in our Permanent Supportive Housing Program and the participant will sign lease as subtenant.
- Participants sign the lease as tenant for those enrolled in rental assistance (Rapid Re-Housing) program.
- Standard one month security deposit and monthly rent paid directly to landlord.
- No time limit for program, but dependent on continued renewal of project funding.

**Prospective Program Landlords**
- Agree to use the 3-party lease for a term of one year for Permanent Supportive Housing clients.
- Agree to a lease with negotiable terms (6,9,12 months) between the landlord and tenant for rental assistance (Rapid Re-Housing) clients.
- Own 1-2- or 3-bedroom apartments in west suburban Cook County in the price range of program (Please contact Housing Coordinator for further information.)
- Apartment must pass a Housing Quality Inspection and lead screening by Housing Forward; and
- Agree to complete a W-9 form.

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**What are the Program’s Benefits?**

- By working with our program, you eliminate advertising costs with access to a pool of ready-to-rent tenants.
- Damage/security deposits covered. Our organization aims to help individuals get back up on their feet so we help clients with this payment.
- Eligible clients receive a subsidy to help them cover their rental expense.
- Guaranteed monthly payment.
- We work with our clients on an ongoing basis to make sure they have the support they need to succeed.
- Regular follow up with our clients allows us to identify and address problems early.
- Housing Forward case managers act as a neutral party, ensuring that everyone is treated fairly and problems are resolved quickly and impartially.
- Community stability is increased by helping individuals become self-sufficient and independent.

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**Interested? Want to learn more?**

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