



Bridging Affordability Program



Bridging Affordability (BA) is a rental assistance program funded by Fairfax County and administered by Northern Virginia Family Service. The program is an integral component of the county's Housing Blueprint and will provide up to 24 months of rental subsidies to homeless individuals/families and households on the county's affordable housing waiting lists. The BA collaborative of nine area agencies delivers wrap-around case management services and strives to serve the most needy in the community with an emphasis on the homeless and disabled.

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements

- ❑ Must be homeless or be on one of the following housing waitlists:
 - HCD's Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist (Section 8)
 - HCD's Public Housing Waitlist
 - Community Services Board-eligible Waitlist
 - Unified Family Shelter Waitlist
 - Singles Shelter Waitlist established prior to June 1, 2011
- ❑ Households must have a source of income.
- ❑ Gross income must be within 30% of AMI for Homeless households
- ❑ Gross income must be within 50% of AMI for Waitlist households
- ❑ Must live or work in Fairfax County.
- ❑ Household must have legal presence in the US.
- ❑ Criminal record history will be reviewed for all applicants.
- ❑ Working income will receive a preference.

Application and Referral Process

- ❑ Homeless - Partner agencies may submit applications for in-house homeless clients immediately.
- ❑ Waitlist - A mailing will be sent to a percentage of waitlist households who will be directed to contact NVFS. Those interested in the program will contact NVFS for an eligibility screening. If eligible, NVFS will refer the client to a partner agency.
- ❑ Updated application forms are available in electronic form, email BAprogram@nvfs.org
- ❑ A three page application and supporting documentation must be completed by the client with the support of a case manager.
- ❑ NVFS will determine eligibility and issue a BA Certificate.
- ❑ HCD will provide upfront and annual HQS inspections.
- ❑ NVFS will administer subsidies directly to landlords.

Program Requirements

- ❑ Households will be responsible for 30% of their rent based on adjusted gross income as well as all utilities.
- ❑ 20% of funding will be for CSB eligible and/or physically sensory disabled households.
- ❑ The BA program does not provide security deposit assistance.
- ❑ Households will be required to actively participate in case management services.

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