

St. Jude Center will provide housing with wrap-around social services including moderate to intensive case management to more than 100 homeless senior citizens in Dallas. This comprehensive and collaborative approach is the most effective and cost-efficient manner to help address the growing challenge of serving our homeless population. A collaborative network including City Square, Metrocare, and Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) will provide on-site supportive services. Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) will guide the project start-up, as well as, identify the men and women to be the initial residents.

St. Jude PSH Enrollment Process:

What is Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)?

Supportive housing is permanent, affordable, lease-based housing for people of low income with access to flexible supportive services. Supportive housing combines permanent, affordable housing with services that help people with very low or extremely low incomes live more stable, productive lives.

Who does supportive housing serve?

Supportive housing is designed primarily for individuals with long histories of homelessness due to persistent obstacles like low income, serious mental illness, substance use disorders, or chronic medical problems who can benefit from ongoing supports.

Who's eligible?

To be eligible, prospective residents must be:

1. 55 + years old
2. Have an approved homeless or chronically homeless (documented disability) status certified by Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA)
3. Be placed on the Housing Priority List
4. Be assigned to an agency to determine program enrollment eligibility

5. Apply to St. Jude/DHA and pass a criminal background check for each agency
6. Be awarded a voucher and complete the Request for Tenancy Packet for DHA

How do I apply?

Prospective residents assigned from (MDHA) will have concurrent or after interviews with Program Manager and Case Manager and the assigned Case Manager will meet with the resident to obtain the following documents to determine program eligibility:

- Social security card, photo identification and proof of income (at time of all applications)
- Verification of disability
- Letters and statements from emergency shelters and other service providers to prove homelessness
- Authorization to release confidential information
- Completed application for St. Jude and DHA

Prospective residents who meet program eligibility will be referred to the Property Manager to process approved applications and background checks to submit to DHA for review. This process includes the following:

1. If approved by DHA, a housing voucher will be issued to the prospective resident,
2. A Request for Tenancy Packet (RFTA) will be completed by the prospective resident and Property Manager,
3. A tentative unit assignment and request for inspection will be completed by the Property Manager,
4. Upon approval of units, the Property Manager will contact the Program Manager who will notify the prospective residents to meet with the Property Manager to sign their lease to complete their move-in,
5. Meet with their assigned Case Manager to begin support services.