



Money Follows the Person BRIDGE SUBSIDY PROGRAM FACT SHEET

The Maryland Money Follows the Person (MFP) Bridge Subsidy Program provides a State-funded rent subsidy for up to three (3) years to eligible individuals. Participants transition to a Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) or public housing at the end of the MFP Bridge Subsidy term.

Key Facts

- The Program budget is \$2.5 million with a goal of assisting approximately 87 participants.
- Potentially eligible participants will be referred by the Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) from a web-based waitlist registry based on specified program eligibility and income criteria.
- Participants will pay 30% of household adjusted monthly income for rent and utilities.
- Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) will verify income, perform a criminal background check, inspect units, determine rent and make rent subsidy payments directly to landlords.
- Participants must agree to participate in a person-centered service plan.
- Participants must comply with program requirements, including maintaining eligibility for the Housing Choice Voucher or public housing program, completing tenant training, making timely rent and utility payments, and adhering to all lease requirements.
- Supports Planners, Coordinators of Community Services and Brain Injury Waiver Case Managers will assist participants in finding appropriate housing and in supporting successful tenancy.
- The program will initially open in Prince George’s County, Carroll County and Department of Housing and Community Development areas with expansion to other locations over the remainder of the year.

Eligibility Requirements

- MFP participants transitioning from a qualifying institution to independent renting.
- Brain Injury waiver participants transitioning from an ALU to independent renting.
- Household income less than \$15,000, including at least \$1 in Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI).
- Adults, age 18 and above.

Geographic Location of Program - The following PHAs are participating:

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| • Anne Arundel County (not Annapolis) | • Howard County | • DHCD Eastern Shore: Caroline County, Dorchester County, Kent County, Somerset County (not Crisfield), Talbot County, Wicomico County, Worcester County |
| • Baltimore City | • Montgomery County | |
| • Baltimore County | • Prince George’s County | |
| • Carroll County (not Westminster) | • St. Mary’s County | |
| • Hagerstown (not Washington County) | • Easton | |
| • Harford County | • DHCD Western MD: Allegany County, Frederick County (not Frederick City), Garrett County | |

