

NEKCA Newport Housing Programs:

We assist families and/or individuals who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness obtain secure, temporary, or permanent affordable housing.

What is Homelessness?

To get assistance from NEKCA with Housing you must meet the HUD definition of homelessness.

❖ The 4 different categories of homelessness according to HUD are:

1. People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, in transitional housing or are exiting an institution where they temporarily reside.
2. People who lack a fixed primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel/hotel paid for by charitable organizations, Federal State, or Local Government programs for low-income individuals.
3. An Individual who is exiting an institution where he/she/they have resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering said institution.
4. People who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, have no other residence, and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

❖ Once you meet one or more of the definitions above then we would do a Coordinated Entry (CE) Intake Assessment

- Once on CE then we can start working together on your housing and other goals.

How we can help...

❖ Prevention:

For families or individuals facing eviction or needing to relocate due to eviction, or risk of homelessness.

NEKCA can potentially assist with back rent when:

- Rent must be 30 days or more past due.
- The client can sustain rent after assistance.
- Must have an eviction notice or a two week notice to quit from your landlord.
- Proof of income is required.
- 90 days of case management required
 - Unfortunately, we CAN'T help with motel stays.

Vouchers:

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH): serves households experiencing literal homelessness, who have varying levels of service needs, with medium-term rental assistance (up to 24 months). RRH providers either deliver direct services or coordinate them with local partners.

Must meet income guidelines: need assistance; not exceed 50% Area Median Income; meet HUD CoC-RRH homeless definition; agree to sign/comply with a one-year lease; and contribute 30% of their household's adjusted gross income towards rent

Housing Choice:

- The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.
- Eligibility for a housing voucher is determined by the PHA based on the total annual gross income and family size and is limited to US citizens and specified categories of non-citizens who have eligible immigration status. In general, the family's income may not exceed 50% of the median income for the county or metropolitan area in which the family chooses to live. By law, a PHA must provide 75 percent of its voucher to applicants whose incomes do not exceed 30 percent of the area median income. Median income levels are published by HUD and vary by location. The PHA serving your community can provide you with the income limits for your area and family size.

Transitional Living Program (TLP):

- TLP is what we call our shelter apartments. We have 2 apartments that NEKCA currently pays for that we allow eligible clients to stay in for up to 12/18 months.
 - While in the TLP apartments the clients will sign a contract stating that they will actively be participating in the program.
 - This program provides rental assistance at \$0 to the client. They have no rent or electric payments.
 - With that said they will be expected to maintain a min of 30 hours of productive time a week.
 - That looks different for every client but for the most part they would be looking for a job/maintaining a job, look for housing, save money for housing, work any and all necessary programs and meet with their case manager weekly.
 - **TLP Qualifications:**
 - Must be homeless
 - Must be at least 18
 - Must have some basic independent living skills
 - Must be willing to sign our contract and work the program

Landlord Liaison:

- **The landlord Liaison is responsible for:**
 - Finding landlords
 - Finding available rentals
 - Being a mediator between clients and landlords-being the middle person
 - Maintaining a professional relationship with the landlords
 - Advocating for clients to landlords