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## BRIDGES



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Permanent  
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and Wilkin Counties**

# Goals of the BRIDGES & BCOW Housing Programs

- To provide a housing subsidy for persons with Serious Mental Illness and/or for persons with Serious Mental Illness who are also long-term homeless, who are eligible to receive a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher based on successful participation in the BRIDGES Program.
- The subsidy will only be provided while the person is on a Section 8 Waiting List or formally agrees to apply for a waiting list when one is opened or they become eligible for a federal or other permanent housing subsidy program.
- To maintain or foster the integration of persons with serious mental illness who are also long term homeless into their communities through a partnership of housing subsidy and supportive services.



**A Place to Call Home**

## How do I access the program?

Interested persons must have a VI-SPDAT (also known as a Coordinated Entry assessment) completed. Path and Rule 79 Case Managers at Lakeland Mental Health Center are able to complete VI-SPDATS. If you think you might be eligible contact your service provider. If you don't have a service provider, contact a PATH worker at Lakeland Mental Health. 218-233-7524.

## How do program openings get selected?

The VI-SPDAT assessment will identify needs and selections will be prioritized based on the following: 1) Persons residing in an institution or other segregated setting who will be homeless upon discharge; 2) Persons experiencing homelessness who have been assessed as needing permanent supportive housing. 3) People experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness.

The BCOW Housing Committee provides program advice and monitors the usage of the BCOW housing programs.

## How Much is the Monthly Subsidy?

Under the BRIDGES Program, participants pay 30% of their gross monthly income for rent.

## How Long Do Payments Continue?

The BRIDGES Program is considered a temporary assistance program since participants are required to apply for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, thus utilizing this program as a "bridge" in the interim. Once a participant becomes eligible for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, they have 60 days to find a place that will accept the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher assistance. This may be where they are already living or they may find other arrangements. At that time, the BRIDGES Program will end and the Section 8 Voucher Program will begin.

## What kind of Housing Can I Rent?

Any housing that meets Section 8 Existing Housing Quality Standards Units including apartments, duplexes, townhomes, single family homes and modular homes.

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