



NEK-CAP, Inc. Homeless programs ESG and CoC Quick Fact Sheet

Funds may be able to help you if you are *homeless* and *qualify* for the programs

Funds differ between counties, your location and situation will determine eligibility

ESG is a short-term program: 3-6 months of help with rent

CoC is a medium-term program: 1-12 months of help with rent, with possibility of longer based on need

Depending on state and federal budgets, funds may not always be available

These programs are funded by HUD and use Rapid Re-Housing models-we do not use pre-existing issues as criteria for the program.

These programs are both first-come, first-served as funding allows

An application will be completed at your local NEK-CAP, Inc. office

You will be placed onto a waiting list, and

An interview with the Housing CoC Coordinator will be scheduled.

If we are able to use the program, you will be advised when you can start looking for housing, and a follow-up appointment will be scheduled for further paperwork

- ✓ Housing must be safe and pass an inspection per the rules of the program
- ✓ Housing must be affordable and within the Fair Market Rent per the rules of HUD
- ✓ Housing will be in your name, the lease is between you and the landlord

You will be responsible to follow the rules of the unit where you live (house, apartment, etc)

You are expected to be a good tenant and take care of the unit where you live

A rental contract will be signed between all 3 parties, and we will also get a copy of the lease

These programs helps with the cost of the rent, but not always with utilities

If you are evicted from your unit for breaking your lease, you will lose your spot in the program

- ✓ All participants are required to have monthly home visits with their Family Development Advocate (FDA)
- ✓ All participants are required to keep in weekly contact with their Family Development Advocate
- ✓ Every 3 months, your information is reviewed to check on the progress of keeping your housing
- ✓ All participants will work with their staff on identifying goals to help keep housing, and work on them, including but not limited to:

Finding employment or increasing income as able-Apply for jobs, apply for Voc Rehab services or GOALS program through DCF, apply for SSI if eligible, apply for child support enforcement if eligible, etc

Enrolling children in school and support programs such as Early Head Start, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, etc

Work with your doctor, therapist, or other medical/mental health staff to improve your overall health

Apply for other services that can help with insurance, food, or daycare costs-SNAP (food stamps), daycare assistance, Kancare (Medicaid) insurance, etc



The Fair Housing Act

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race or color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18)
- Disability



What Housing is Covered?

The Fair Housing Act covers most housing. In some circumstances, the Act exempts owner-occupied buildings with no more than four units, single-family housing sold or rented without the use of a broker and housing operated by organizations and private clubs that limit

What is Prohibited?

In the Sale and Rental of Housing: No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Otherwise deny a dwelling
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale or rental
- For profit, persuade, or try to persuade homeowners to sell or rent dwellings by suggesting that people of a particular race, etc. have moved, or are about to move into the neighborhood
- (blockbusting) or
- Deny any person access to, membership or participation in, any organization, facility or service (such as a multi-

Housing Protection for Families with Children

The Fair Housing Act makes it unlawful to discriminate against a person whose household includes one or more children who are under 18 years of age (familial status). Familial status protection covers households in which one or more minor children live with:

- A parent;
- A person who has legal custody (including guardianship) of a minor child or children; or
- The designee of a parent or legal custodian, with the written permission of the parent or legal custodian.

Familial status protection also extends to pregnant women and any person in the process of securing legal custody of a minor

For more information about Fair Housing Rights
Please visit HUD's website: www.hud.gov/fairhousing

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