

# We can help you find your own home!



MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES

The safest place for you during the COVID-19 pandemic is your own home. MOHS wants to help you move into your own home, and needs you to start the process as soon as possible. Ask your case manager today about moving into your own home! Due to COVID-19, it is an easier process to move into an apartment.

## MOHS can help you pay a security deposit and up to 18 months of rent.

### Your housing options

- An apartment or room by yourself. You can look for your own place, or get some help from your case manager.
- Getting a roommate. At the end of 18 months, you will be able to share the monthly rent. MOHS will maintain a list of people looking for roommates.
- Living with family or friends. In most cases, MOHS can help pay for some bills at their place to support the move. Your case manager can help you contact family and friends.

### Who will be prioritized?

- People 50 years or older.
- People with an underlying medical condition regardless of age, including: cancer; chronic kidney disease; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); weakened immune system from solid organ transplant; obesity (BMI of 30 or higher); serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies; sickle cell disease; or type 2 diabetes.
- The length of time you have experienced homelessness will be considered.

### Frequently asked questions

What if I don't have money to buy furniture?

- MOHS has some money available to help individuals who are not able to afford essential furniture.

If I was staying at a shelter before relocating to the hotel, can I return to that shelter?

- Since hotels have been in use, we have made City-run shelters safer by adding space between sleeping areas and making sure social distancing is possible. However, this means space is limited at each shelter.

Can I stay at the hotel after MOHS can no longer pay for rooms?

- If you wish to stay after the City stops supporting the hotels, you will have to make your own arrangements with the hotel and pay the room rate, which is about \$60 per night.

What happens after 18 months?

- If you are worried about not being able to pay rent after 18 months, discuss how to get long-term support with your case manager. MOHS will continue to work with you to stay in your home.

If you don't already have a case manager, let hotel staff know you are interested or contact [RRH@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:RRH@baltimorecity.gov)