

Referrals:

All referrals for the Blue Earth County Housing Support-LTH Program are received from the River Valley Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System (CES).

What is Coordinated Entry?

- A coordinated system-wide process for intake, assessment and referral to housing and homelessness programs and support systems.
- Intervention designed to reduce the number of days between the onset or threat of homelessness and exit out of homelessness.
- Required for Housing Support programs, and other federal and state funded housing programs.

Blue Earth County Housing Support – Long Term Homeless Program

(Formerly GRH-LTH)



**For more information, please contact the
Supportive Housing Supervisor at (507) 304-4442.**

Eligibility:

- Must be 18 and older
- Must meet a basis of eligibility for General Assistance (GA) or Social Security Insurance (SSI).
- Must have disability or disabling condition that prevents work to the level of self-support
- Must be low income
- Must meet MN Housing's LTH definition:
 - Continuously homeless (lacking a fixed, adequate night time residence) for the last year or 4 episodes in the last 3
- Want to reside in Blue Earth County

What is the Housing Support – LTH Program?

Housing Support, formally known as Group Residential Housing or GRH, is a state-funded program that provides help with housing costs for eligible participants.

The Blue Earth County Housing Support Long-term Homeless (LTH) Program provides case management to enrolled participants to assist with finding and maintaining housing in Blue Earth County.

Enrolled participants of the Housing Support-LTH Program agree to meet with their assigned Housing Support case manager at least twice a month for housing and other support services.

Case Management Services may include:

- Explain and Help tenant understand terms of lease
- Help to tenant maintain adequate housing
- Advocate for tenant during landlord negotiation
- Be available if problems arise with landlord, neighbors, etc.
- Crisis response
- Help ensure community integration
- Assist with transportation
- Assist with arranging meetings or other medical / social services appointments

Operating Principles:

- Housing First & Harm Reduction
- Strength Based
- Flexible and Creative
- Person-Centered/Participant Driven
- Integrated Case Management/Support Services

Intended Outcomes:

- Stable housing
- Improve physical and behavioral health
- Increased safety
- Improved quality of Life