Emergency Housing Assistance Program Services

24-Hour Hotline
Emergency Housing Shelter
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Services are available to eligible households regardless of race, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

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Rental Assistance

Rental assistance provides financial support to households who are behind on rental payments and are at risk of being evicted, or need additional assistance to get into new housing. The goal of this program is to end or prevent homelessness.

What we offer:
• Assistance with back rent payments
• Security deposits
• First and last months rent
• Utility assistance
• Short-term rental subsidies

Not all households will receive or are eligible for all the financial assistance listed above.

To receive rental assistance you must:
• Have been a resident of Otsego County for the last 30 consecutive days
• Have applied for housing assistance with the Otsego County Department of Social Services (DSS) and have either been denied or need more assistance than what is available.
• Have household income that falls within program limits
• Other eligibility requirements may apply

Emergency Housing
Opportunity House
Opportunity House is a 24-hour staffed shelter that offers temporary housing to homeless individuals and families from Otsego County. Eligible households may stay at Opportunity House up to 90-days while they look for new, permanent housing.

Opportunity House offers:
• Private and semi-private bedrooms and bathrooms
• Shared kitchen and laundry facilities
• 24-hour security and staffing
• Transportation assistance
• Computer access for job and housing searches
• Referrals to supportive services

To stay at Opportunity House you must:
• Have been a resident of Otsego County for the last 30 consecutive days
• Apply for emergency housing assistance with the Otsego County Department of Social Services (DSS)
• Present photo identification
• Provide proof of eviction (e.g. letter or notice)
• Comply with any DSS requirements
• Other eligibility requirements may apply

Off-Site Lodging
Temporary, overnight lodging at area motels may be available on a case-by-case basis for homeless households who have not yet applied with the Otsego County Department of Social Services (DSS) for emergency housing assistance. Off-site lodging is dependent upon availability.

Housing Support Services

Opportunities for Otsego provides support services to homeless and at-risk households so that they may obtain and maintain permanent housing. Housing Navigators link households to community resources and support individuals in finding and keeping safe, stable housing. Additional support may be available to ensure the retention of housing.

What we offer:
• Help in finding safe, affordable housing
• Assistance in speaking with landlords
• Goal planning based on a household’s needs and strengths
• Information and referrals to community resources
• Budget counseling
• Referrals to legal services

For more information or for immediate assistance call the Emergency Housing Program 24-Hour Hotline 607.433.8318

Rental assistance will only be provided for housing that meets program affordability guidelines and HUD standards.