

The purpose of the Suffolk Independent Living Organization, Inc. is to enable people with disabilities of Suffolk County, New York to gain effective control and direction of their lives. SILO advocates and promotes a growing sense of personal dignity and responsible community participation through training, community development and direct services responsive to the needs of the people.

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**SILO's  
Housing Program**



*SILO offers two housing programs:  
Rapid Transition Housing Program  
(RTHP) and Olmstead Housing  
Subsidy (OHS)*

## Services if Eligible

- You pay 30% of your monthly income, less allowances, toward rent.
- At least a one-year lease.
- Housing in the community of your choice.
- An assigned Housing Specialist helps find housing and works with the landlord.
- Assistance with security deposits, moving expenses, utility start-up payments, household establishment purchases, etc. through Community Transition Services.



## Eligibility

### Rapid Transition Housing Program:

- Active Medicaid
- Have one or more documented chronic physical disabilities, and have two or more chronic conditions (e.g., asthma, diabetes).
- Be referred as a homeless high utilizer by a hospital, managed care organization, medical respite, performing provider system, or skilled nursing facility.
- Defined as: 1. Having two or more inpatient stays in the past 12 months; or 2. Having five or more emergency department (ED) visits in the past 12 months; or “3. Having four or more ED visits and one or more inpatient stay in the past 12 months”
- Be within the top 20% of Medicaid recipients spending relative to the county of fiscal responsibility and target populations parameters.

### Olmstead Housing Subsidy:

- Active Medicaid
- People age 55+ OR age 18+ with a documented chronic disability.
- Able to live safely in the community.
- Currently living in a Skilled Nursing Facility for at least 120 consecutive days.

## Frequently Asked Questions



**Q:** This is a subsidy program, what does that mean?

**A:** It means the tenant will pay a small portion of the rent directly to you but the majority of the rent will come from the Housing program.

**Q:** Who supports these housing programs?

**A:** The RTHP and OHS are subsidy programs funded by the NYS Department of Health.

**Q:** Is this program guaranteed funding indefinitely?

**A:** The funding is expected to be renewed every five-years subject to available funding.

**Q:**How long do I have to commit to an apartment?

**A:** The housing program requires participants to sign an annual lease.