

Program Mission

The Housing Assistance and Support Program (HASP) provides financial and/or case management services to individuals and families that will help obtain and maintain stable permanent housing during economic hard-times. This is accomplished by HASP staff and clients working together to develop an outcome-based plan of action to address immediate needs and identify and achieve long-term solutions.

The Mental Health Association's Housing Assistance and Support Program can only serve persons living within the City of Binghamton.



HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM



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Monday— Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

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Housing Assistance and Support Program



Funds for the Housing Assistance and Support Program were made available to the City of Binghamton through an entitlement grant under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.

Eligibility:

The Housing Assistance and Support Program (HASP) is for individuals and families who need assistance to obtain immediate housing or remain in existing housing.

Applicants must have an initial meeting with a case manager and have a household income that is at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

| Household Size | Income Limit |
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| 1 | \$20,500 |
| 2 | \$23,450 |
| 3 | \$26,350 |
| 4 | \$29,300 |
| 5 | \$31,650 |
| 6 | \$34,000 |
| 7 | \$36,350 |
| 8 | \$38,700 |

Income guidelines subject to change.

Assistance:

HASP provides short- and medium-term financial assistance including:

- Rental payments
- Security deposits
- Utility deposits
- Utility payments
- Moving cost/storage fees

Applicants will be asked to provide:

- Photo IDs for household members 18 yrs and older
- Social Security Cards for all members of the household
- Documentation demonstrating legal custody of children under 18 yrs (if applicable)
- Proof of any and all sources of income, including pay stubs, SSI, unemployment etc, for all household members.

To determine what service is needed applicants will be asked to provide:

- Lease
- Utility shut off notice
- Eviction notice
- Average monthly income/expense budget

Applicants who are considered not currently housed are either:

Sleeping in a homeless shelter or,
Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation or,
Staying in a hospital or other institution for up to 180 days but was in emergency shelter or other place not meant for human habitation upon entry or,
Graduating from or timing out of a transitional housing program or,
A victim of domestic violence.

Once funding is provided:

- Applicants are required to maintain monthly contact with case manager.
- Case management support is provided to address issues that concern applicant's housing stability.
- Applicants and case managers work together to develop an individualized service plan (ISP) that will provide stability and achieve outcome-based goals to maintain long-term housing stability.