

# WAITLIST OPENING FOR PROJECT BASED VOUCHERS FOR STUDIO UNITS AT THE COMMONS ON MLK



## OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS:

### Minimum:

Studio) 1 person

Total: 1 person



### Maximum:

Studio) 2 persons

Total: 2 persons



Homes for Good will be accepting Project Based Voucher (PBV) wait-list referrals for studio units at The Commons on MLK in Eugene, Oregon through Lane County's Coordinated Entry System. The voucher subsidy is set so you will pay 30% of monthly adjusted income for rent. After living in a Project Based Voucher subsidized unit for 12 months, you can apply to have your subsidy converted to a Section 8 voucher and move to a dwelling of your choice.

The Commons on MLK is a Permanent Supportive Housing program with 51 unit studio apartment for people experiencing chronic homelessness. It is located at 2315 MLK Jr Blvd next door to Lane County Behavioral Health. There will be on-site property management and supportive services. Amenities include private bathrooms and kitchenettes, common areas, on-site laundry, a 24/7 reception/help desk, and meeting rooms and offices for program and support delivery. As a Permanent Supportive Housing Program, the Commons on MLK will feature 24/7 on-site supportive services, case management, service coordination, social and recreational health services, connections to mainstream resources, health care, substance abuse treatment programs, mental health services, self-help groups, and peer resources, connections to employment and educational services as well as assistance with independent living skills, including money management. ShelterCare will provide support services to tenants to help them to stay in housing and achieve their goals related to self-sufficiency.

Applicants must meet very low-income guidelines (50% area median income) to qualify. Income will be assessed both at the Front Door Assessment and at time the applicant is served. Residents must meet occupancy requirements for studio units. Unlike most property rentals, with the exception of the being registered as a life-time sex offender or having a record of manufacturing methamphetamine in a federally subsidized unit, poor credit, criminal history, or low income do not negatively impact your ability to live here.

Preference for The Commons on MLK will be given to applicants who are chronically homeless, or participating in the FUSE program. "Chronically homeless" is defined as people who are currently homeless and have been homeless for 12 or more months in the last three years AND have a disabling condition. Frequent Users Systems Engagement, or FUSE, is a coordinated effort, funded by the State of Oregon's Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) funds, to break the cycle of housing instability for individuals with the most barriers to success and the highest use of Lane County's public services, such as law enforcement, jails, and emergency medical services.

Placement into The Commons on MLK is done ONLY through referrals from Lane County's Centralized Waitlist through the Coordinated Entry System. Coordinated Entry is a standard process that is the "Front Door" for connecting people experiencing homelessness to available housing and ongoing support to stay housed. People are matched with a housing program based on their need and level of vulnerability. Not everyone who completes a Front Door Assessment will be matched with a housing program. The goal of Coordinated Entry is to make homelessness a rare, brief, and one-time occurrence. This list is not first come first served. Lane County prioritizes chronically homeless households for all programs that pull referrals from the Central Wait List.

## Coordinated Entry Steps

1. **Schedule a Front Door Assessment** by calling 541-682-4663
2. **Complete a Front Door Assessment.** A skilled assessor will complete a Front Door Assessment with you and will ask a series of questions about you and your household, your housing situation, your health, and what needs you may have. This Front Door Assessment is valid for 6 months.
3. **Placement on the Central Wait List.** After you have completed a Front Door Assessment, you will be placed on the Central Wait List. The Central Wait List is a prioritized list of households needing housing. It is ranked by a scale of vulnerability based on various criteria which was collected during the Front Door Assessment (including past housing and homeless history, barriers you may face to get in housing, your health, and other needs).
4. **Getting Matched with a Housing Program.** When there is a vacancy with The Commons on MLK or other housing program, the housing program contacts Lane County Coordinated Entry staff. County staff will review the Central Wait List and match a client to the vacancy. A housing program case manager will contact the client when they have been referred to a housing program.

## Income Limits:

1 Person	2 Persons
\$24,500	\$28,000

## Referrals Start

**Tuesday,  
October 20th, 2020**

FOR INFORMATION ON THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM

[ 541-682-HOME ] [ [CommonsOnMLK@LaneCountyOR.gov](mailto:CommonsOnMLK@LaneCountyOR.gov) ]

or go to <https://lanecounty.org/MLKcommons>

