

SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM – CUMBERLAND BRACKETT STREET

DESCRIPTION:

Brackett Street is a 13-bedroom facility located at 42 Brackett Street in Portland. It offers community living with single rooms and shared living rooms, kitchens, and bathrooms. As such, it is not as appropriate setting for someone who has difficulty living in a group. To qualify for this program, applicants must meet Federal income guidelines, as well as, have a diagnosis of a major mental health disability.

Each room at Brackett Street is single occupancy and is furnished with a wardrobe, dresser, bed, and small refrigerator. There is a full kitchen on each floor and three shared baths for the entire building. All communal furnishings and utensils are provided. Occupants are expected to pick up after themselves and maintain their own room, and share in household chores. Laundry facilities are on site. Residents are responsible for their own food and meal preparation. A monthly community meeting helps residents to plan and work through community issues. Staff will provide two communal meals each week.

STAFFING:

The Supported Housing Team provides staffing with 2 staff assigned primarily to Brackett Street. The staff is available on-site 18-10 hours a day. They are responsible for the facility and to provide support to residents. Each resident will be asked to develop a residential support plan with staff.

RENTS AND FEES:

Tenants pay 51% of their gross income not to exceed the contract rent or the fair market rent guidelines. Shelter+Care rent subsidies are accepted. A security deposit of one month's contract rent is required.

REFERRAL PROCESS:

The application and referral process involves completing a written application, obtaining a written professional referral, gathering past treatment information and an admission interview. The Intake Coordinator who can be reached at 207-874-1080 will assist the applicant in beginning this process. If accepted and there are no immediate vacancies, the applicant's name will be placed on a waiting list.

FUNDING:

Funding for Brackett Street is provided through the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, MaineCare, and the United Way of Greater Portland, as well as tenant rents.