

SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM – CUMBERLAND SPRING STREET

DESCRIPTION:

Spring Street is an 8-bedroom house located at 124 Spring Street in Portland. It offers community living with single rooms and other shared facilities. As such, it is not an appropriate setting for someone who has difficulty living in a group. To qualify for this program, applicants must meet Federal homelessness and income guidelines, as well as, have a diagnosis of a major mental health disability.

The residents share household chores and are responsible for maintaining their own rooms, prepare meals, and pick-up after themselves. A monthly community meeting is held to plan and work through issues of living together. In addition, staff will provide two communal meals each week. Upon admission, residents are asked to sign a general agreement outlining household rules and policies.

Each room at Spring Street is single occupancy and is furnished with a dresser, bed, and small refrigerator. There is a shared full kitchen, living room, and two baths. All communal furnishings and utensils are provided. Coin-operated washer and dryer are on site.

STAFFING:

Staffing consists of the Supported Housing Team made up of mobile Supported Housing Workers with one person primarily assigned to Spring Street. The staff is available on-site up to 6 hours each day. They are responsible for oversight of the facility and to provide support to the residents. Each resident will be asked to develop a residential support plan with staff.

RENTS AND FEES:

Tenants pay 30% of their gross income, not to exceed the contract rent or fair market rent guidelines. A security deposit of one month's contract rent is required.

REFERRAL PROCESS:

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

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