

SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM – CUMBERLAND VAUGHAN STREET

DESCRIPTION:

Vaughan Street is a 6-bedroom house at 269 Vaughan 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.

Admissions are restricted to individuals who are homeless.

The residents share household chores and are responsible for maintaining their own rooms, prepare meals, and pick up after themselves. A monthly community meeting helps residents to plan and work through community issues. 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 Vaughan Street is single occupancy and is furnished with a bed, dresser, and small refrigerator. Residents may, if they wish, bring their own furniture. The kitchen, dining room, living room, and two bathrooms are shared. All communal furnishing and utensils are provided. Coin operated washer and dryer facilities are on site.

STAFFING:

Staffing is provided by the Supported Housing Team, which is made up of mobile Supported Housing Workers with one person primarily assigned to Vaughan Street. The staff is available on-site up to 6 hours a day. They are responsible for 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 adjusted gross income not to exceed the contract rent or fair market rent guidelines. Shelter+Care provides the rent subsidy to pay the difference between tenant rent and the fair market rent. 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 this program is provided through MaineCare, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Shelter+Care rent subsidies, and tenant rent.