

## **PLEASANT STREET HOUSING** **STEVENS AVENUE**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Stevens Avenue, located at 824 Stevens Avenue in Portland, consists of 20 one-bedroom subsidized apartments plus a small laundry room and a community room. Stevens Avenue has two fully handicap units and the remaining units can be adapted if needed upon request. This facility provides permanent housing to individuals who are living with a prolonged mental illness that restricts their ability to live completely independent lives in the community. To qualify for this program, applicants must meet Federal extremely low and/or very low-income guidelines and quotas, as well as, have a diagnosis of a major mental health disability.

Tenants at Stevens Avenue must be capable of functioning in an apartment without daily supervision. They are responsible for buying groceries, preparing their own meals, doing their own laundry, and maintaining their apartments and all other aspects of community living. They must also be responsible for their own medication. Tenants are encouraged to utilize community services such as Community Support, visiting nurses, tenant support worker, crisis services, etc.

### **STAFFING:**

*There is no staff on site.*

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Preference is given in the following order, to tenants who:

- 4) have been or will be involuntarily displaced from their housing;
- 5) are living in substandard housing or are without housing;
- 6) are paying more than 50% of their income for rent and utilities.

A residency preference for admission is given to residents of York and Cumberland counties, or who have family members in York and Cumberland counties. Although vacancies occur infrequently, individuals are encouraged to apply any time as a waiting list is maintained. Application is made through Property Management, which can be reached at (207) 874-1080

### **RENTS AND FEES:**

Tenants pay 30% of their gross adjusted income for rent. A security deposit of one month's tenant rent is required.

### **FUNDING:**

A project based Section 8 contract provides rental subsidy to eligible applicants.