

Eligibility

- **Currently receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) because of a mental health disability; and/or**
- **Be a person eligible for housing assistance on the basis of income, and have a diagnosis of a severe and persistent mental illness such as bipolar disorder, major depression, schizophrenia; and/or**
- **Be a person with a history of severe and persistent mental illness who is at risk of losing her or his community housing due to an inability to pay a one-time, housing related expense or payment.**



For more information or questions regarding eligibility please contact your case manager or Trish Jordan at 541-751-2521 or Lauren Parrish at 541-751-2555.

Coos County Mental Health

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**Real Choice
Housing
Assistance
Funds**



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REAL CHOICE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUNDS

- The Real Choice Housing Assistance Funds provide financial assistance to help persons with severe and persistent mental illness obtain or retain more integrated housing through individual grants or loans that address financial barriers. These Federal Funds enable these individuals to:
- Live in the most integrated community settings appropriate to their individual requirements and preferences;
- Exercise meaningful choices about their living environments; and
- Obtain quality services in a manner as consistent as possible with their community living preferences and priorities.



APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE

You may pick up an application at Coos County Mental Health through the Brief Therapy /Crisis Team or your Case Manager. Once the application is completed, and housing has been located, return application to Mental Health. You will be contacted for an interview with the Real Choice Housing Committee. The interviews are scheduled on



Tuesday afternoons. You are encouraged to bring a support person or your case manager to the interview.

The Real Choice Housing Committee consists of consumers and Mental Health staff.

These funds are for not more than \$500 and are a one-time use only.

USE OF FUNDS

The Real Choice Housing Assistance Funds are intended to cover expenses such as the following:



- Application Fees
- First/last month's rent
- Cleaning/security deposit
- Utility hookup
- Rent payment assistance
- Basic Furnishings
- ADA alterations

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