

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
STARTUP FUNDS**

PURPOSE: provides short-term grants and financial support to our DD consumers of the Five County Mental Health Authority system.

Funds can be used for:

- startup cost towards renting apartments or houses
- utility deposits, rental deposits or first months rent
- setting up basic phone service



For more information on Housing Resources and local Housing Support Groups:

Contact:

Joel Rice

**Five County Mental Health
Housing Specialist**

252-430-3073

**For the deaf and hearing
impaired, the TTY phone
number is:**

1-877-338-0788

Or you can download Supportive Housing Resource information from our website under the Provider Services link:
<http://www.fivecountymha.org>

*** Priority is given to pregnant women and IV drug users.*



**HOUSING
RESOURCES**



Supportive Housing Resources

Five County Mental Health Authority is committed to the goal of collaborating with the community to provide stable, safe and affordable housing for persons in our catchment area who have mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance abuse disorders.

The Housing Specialist position was established to further the goal of providing safe and affordable housing. This position facilitates and supports community groups, boards, councils and organizations that share our goal of welcoming people with disabilities to the community.

Five County Mental Health currently has the following programs in place to assist with achieving this goal:

1. Shelter Plus Care
2. Community Capacity Fund
3. Targeting Program
4. Developmental Disabilities Startup Funds



SHELTER PLUS CARE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: to provide rental assistance and support to homeless adult individuals living with disabilities in the Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Vance and Warren counties.

ELIGIBILITY: persons with serious mental illness, chronic problems with drugs and/or alcohol and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), and their families who are living in places not intended for human habitation (e.g. streets) or in emergency shelters.

COMMUNITY CAPACITY FUNDS

PURPOSE: to offset downsizing of state psychiatric hospitals.

ELIGIBILITY: individuals who are at high risk of being re-hospitalized due to the severity of their mental illness.

Funds are presently available for:

- Supportive Housing
- Transportation
- Job Readiness

It should be noted these funds cannot be used for individuals who have a primary diagnosis of Substance Abuse.

TARGETING PROGRAM

This program provides independent, affordable housing opportunities for persons with disabilities linked to services and supports persons may need to be successful in the community. The linkage to supportive services is critical to the success of the Program. Therefore access to housing units is limited to persons referred by human service agencies that have the capacity to provide and/or coordinate access to services and supports. Agencies only have access to housing in counties within its service area.

Contact Joel Rice at 252-430-3073 for further information.

