

Congregate Housing for the Elderly Program

Description:

The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) and the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) jointly administer the Congregate Housing for the Elderly program. Congregate Housing offers frail elders housing and supportive services to frail elders, age 62 or older. Residents have apartments that include a private kitchen and private bath. All units are equipped with emergency call systems, and all communities have a resident services coordinator to help residents arrange for community-based services, as they are needed. Rents are based on income and subsidized by the Rental Assistance Program administered by DECD.

Residents must have temporary or periodic difficulties with one or more activities of daily living and must meet the established criteria of a local selection committee, which is approved by the Department of Economic and Community Development. At a minimum these communities provide one main meal in a communal setting, light housekeeping and 24-hour security. Transportation and socio-recreational services may also be provided. Some congregate communities also offer assisted living services provided by a licensed Assisted Living Services Agency. These communities offer additional services that may include personal care, additional meals, nursing services and medication management.

Congregate housing is not licensed; therefore, staff may not dispense medication or provide nursing services, unless the congregate site also provides assisted living services.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must have an annual income that is no more than 80 percent of the area's median income, refer to [Appendix I](#) for the HUD income guidelines.
- Must be at least 62 years of age.
- Must meet criteria established by a local selection committee, which includes but is not limited to:
 - a physical and functional assessment of frailty;
 - an evaluation of housing conditions and living arrangements; and
 - an assessment of daily living needs.

Service Areas:

Bethel
Bristol

Danielson/Killingly
Enfield

Glastonbury
Groton

Hamden
Hartford
Manchester
Middletown
Naugatuck
New Haven

Noank
Norwalk
Norwich
Orange
Pomfret
Ridgefield

Simsbury
South Norwalk
Stamford
Trumbull
Rockville/Vernon

Program Year:
July 1 – June 30 for Rental Assistance

Contact Information:

For a list of Congregate Housing for the Elderly communities call:

Department of Economic and Community Development
505 Hudson Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Telephone: 860-270-8171

Connecticut Housing Finance Authority
999 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Telephone: 860-571-4376

For general questions and information on unit availability for a particular community, contact the housing community directly.

For questions on funding opportunities associated with the construction of new communities call the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Related Information:

[Assisted Living Demonstration Project, refer to page XII – 1.](#)
[Congregate Housing Services Program, refer to page XII – 7.](#)
[Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program \(Section 202\), refer to page XII – 48.](#)