

## **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.**

CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. (CSRA EOA, Inc.) is committed to improving the quality of life for low-income individuals and to providing opportunities, support, and advocacy to assist them in increasing their self-sufficiency and independence. The Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Program is designed to help address the needs of homeless persons with disabilities by providing rental assistance funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs accompanied by a range of supportive services funded by other sources. Through the Permanent Supportive Housing Program, CSRA EOA, Inc.'s goal is to provide services to assist homeless individuals increase their housing stability, skills and/or income and self-sufficiency/independence.

CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.'s Permanent Supportive Housing Program is a long term residential program that provides foundational support while focusing on strength-based case management, life skills training, education, employment assistance, and other supportive services.

To be eligible, individuals must be at least 18 years old. Persons applying for permanent supportive housing must meet the following homeless status, disability, and Income eligibility criteria:

- A. Be a category 1 under the homeless definition as defined by HUD and the Hearth Act. Homelessness is defined as people who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided (and were homeless prior to entry), or in a hotel paid for by somebody else. Living with family and friends does not qualify as chronically homeless.
- B. Live with a verifiable disabling condition. The disabilities considered are mental health, physical disabilities, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS and developmental disabilities. Disabilities must be diagnosed by a licensed professional on DCA's form.
- C. Total household income must not exceed 50% of the Area Median Income. This income limit is only applicable at entry.

CSRA EOA, Inc.'s PSH Program provides preference for admission to individuals who are identified as chronically homeless with a score of 8 or higher on the Vi-SPDAT. Supportive services are voluntary, but can and should be used to persistently engage tenants to ensure housing stability. Supportive services are proactively offered by CSRA EOA, Inc. staff to help tenants achieve and maintain housing stability, but tenants are not required to participate in services as a condition of tenancy. Techniques such as harm reduction and motivational interviewing are useful and will be engaged as needed. Harm reduction techniques can confront and mitigate the harms of drug and alcohol use through non-judgmental communication while motivational interviewing may be useful in helping households acquire and utilize new skills and information.