

HOME Choice and Housing: “New” Resources to the Rescue

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Three goals of this presentation:

- Increase awareness of **Medicaid** housing resources and initiatives for HOME Choice individuals
- Increase awareness of our **Partner's** housing resources and initiatives for HOME Choice individuals
- Increase awareness of **Local** housing resources for HOME Choice individuals

Housing Manual: A tool to assist with meeting these goals

- Existing Resources
 - » To assist with locating housing
 - » To assist with legal issues
 - » To assist with breaking down barriers to housing
- Initiatives that were developed for HC individuals, or that prioritize HC individuals
 - » Access to rent, security deposit, application fees assistance
 - » Access to cash assistance
 - » Access to a temporary ramp

Housing Resources Handout

- Housing online*
- Housing for homeless individuals
 - » Adults - Continuum of Care
 - » Youth - Runaway and Homeless Youth Act
 - » Veterans - Ohio Department of Veterans Services

Housing Resources Handout

Guidance on Accessing CoC/Homeless Resources:

- Person must be literally homeless based on the HUD definition of homelessness
 - » In an institution less than 90 days
 - » In an Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing or on the streets immediately prior to being institutionalized
- Referral process differs across the state
 - » Single point of entry (“211 number”)
 - » Coordinated approach (“No Wrong Door” – any provider)

Legal Resources Handout

- Landlord tenant issues
- Fair housing issues
- Discrimination based on a disability
- Senior legal issues
- Utility issues

Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications Fact Sheet and Request Form

- What's the difference between an accommodation and a modification?
 - » Accommodation is needed when a person needs a waiver from a rule or policy based on their disability
 - » Modification is needed when a person needs a structural change to their dwelling based on their disability
- How do you make a request for an accommodation or modification?
 - » In writing
 - » Use the Request Form

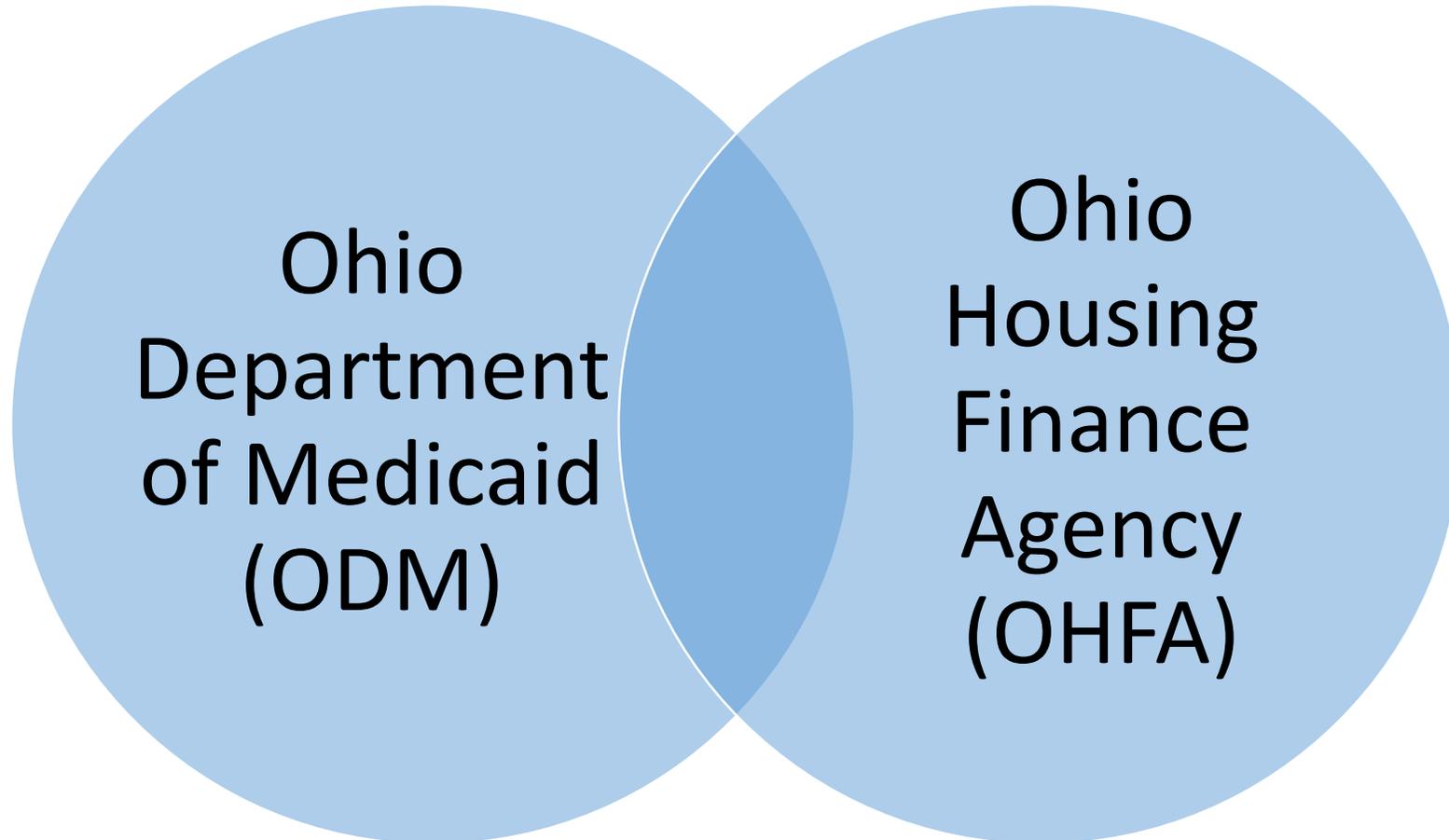
Reasonable Modification Fact Sheet

Question: Who Pays for a Modification? The landlord or the tenant?

Answer: It depends. Generally, the landlord pays when the housing project receives **federal** money.

The key to unlocking this mystery is to **determine the type housing program** the individual is living in which tells you whether or not there is federal money. If you don't know, ask!

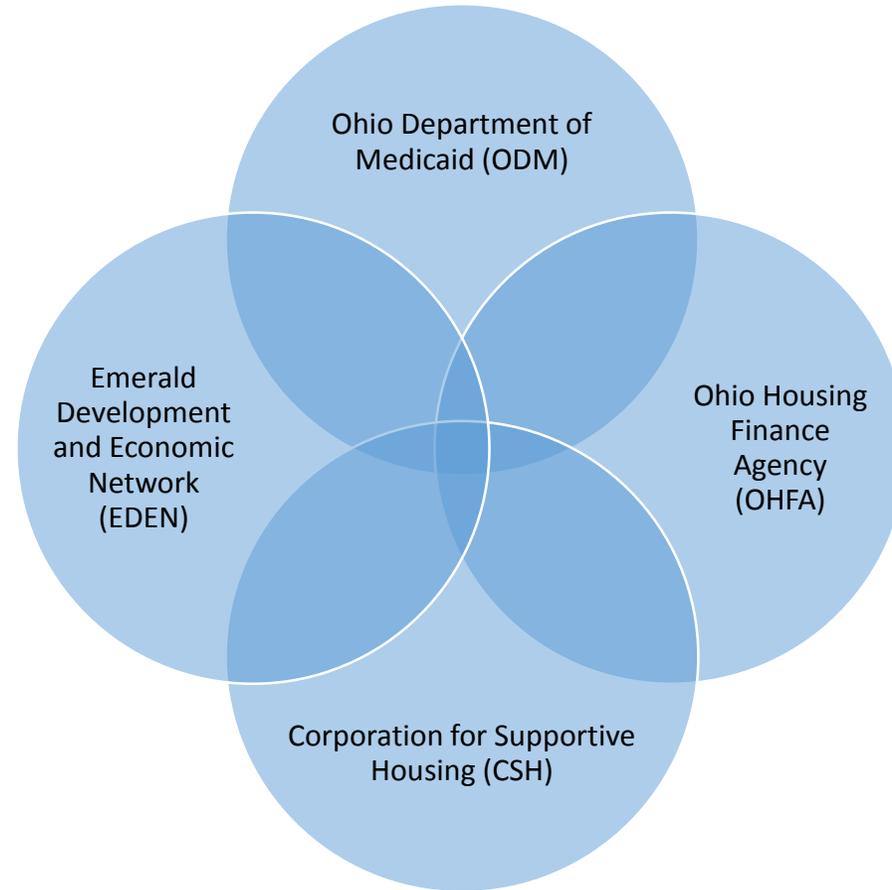
Ohio Temporary Ramp Program



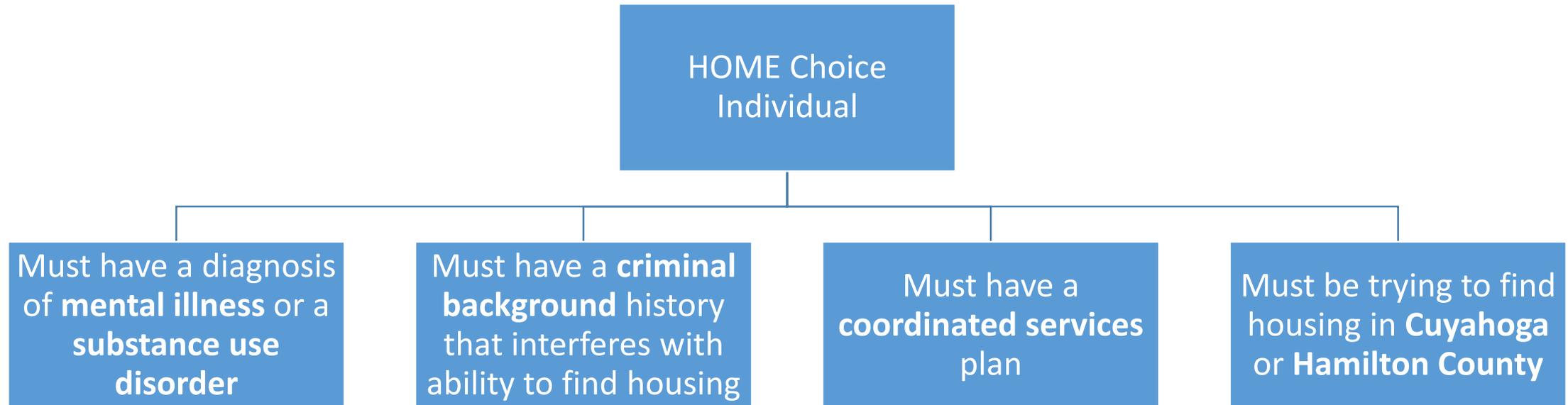
Ohio Temporary Ramp Project

- Request a ramp as soon as you have located potential housing
- Provides temporary aluminum ramps
 - » To Ohioans with Medicaid, priority for HOME Choice
 - » Needing an accessible entryway
 - » Returning from a nursing home or a rehabilitation center
- Statewide coverage by 8 providers
- Ramps can be recycled
 - » To Ohioans on Medicaid who cannot exit their homes

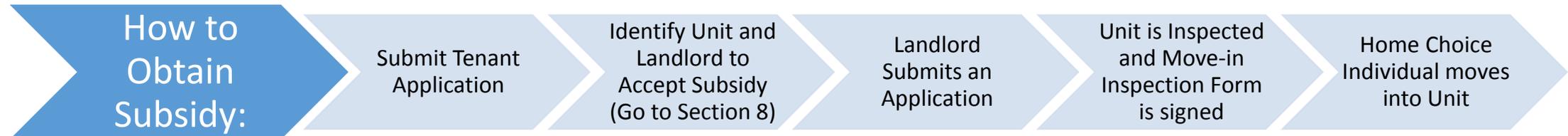
Home For Good Subsidy Program



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SSI Ohio Project

Project to expedite SSI/SSDI benefits to vulnerable populations

- includes HOME Choice Individuals who do not already receive a benefit

Administered by the Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio (COHHIO)

- SSI Ohio Manager, Raven Oglesby

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Programs: RRAC

Recovery Requires
a Community
(RRAC)

- For individuals with a mental health diagnosis
- Pays for goods and services necessary for moving to and staying in a community and not covered by other funding
 - Can be used to supplement HOME Choice
 - Can be used to supplement Home for Good

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Programs: RSS

Residential State Supplement (RSS)

- Financial assistance for adults with disabilities (any type) or adults over 60 that allows them to live in community
 - Allows for Supervision and Personal Care Services
 - In Eligible Community Housing (Adult Foster and Adult Family Homes)
 - Must be enrolled in State Plan Medicaid
 - Must be receiving Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)
 - HOME Choice Individuals may apply

Coming Soon!

- 811 Subsidy Program (HUD funded - Ohio Housing Finance Agency to administer)
- 18% Pilot (Medicaid funded - Ohio Housing Finance Agency to administer)

Local Resources: Become an expert!

- Existing resources vary from county to county
 - » Familiarize yourself with tax credit and project-based HUD housing in your community
 - » Get to know landlords
 - » Participate in annual planning efforts with your Public Housing Authority
 - » Attend housing-related meetings, such as Continuum of Care and Con Plan meetings

Questions

All questions are good questions!

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