

## **Bridges and Bridges Regional Treatment Center (RTC) Rental Assistance Program Participant Eligibility**

To be eligible for Bridges and Bridges RTC, an adult in the household must be diagnosed with having a mental illness per Minn. Stat. 245.462, subd. 20 (a). A Mental Health Professional must [verify the mental illness](#).

**Bridges:** To be eligible you must verify that your current situation fits the priority populations below. Bridges housing agencies will give highest priority to people residing in an Institution or other Segregated Setting who will be homeless upon exit.

1. People living in an Institution, Segregated Setting, or under correctional supervision who will be homeless upon exit.
2. People experiencing Homelessness who are assessed as High Priority Homeless through the Coordinated Entry system, including households of individuals, families with children, or youth (age 18+).
3. People who are experiencing Homelessness or at Imminent Risk of Homelessness.

**Bridges RTC:** Verification that a person is at AMRTC, St. Peter Regional Treatment Center/ Forensic Services, or was prior to entering an IRTS, is required for Bridges RTC. Verification may come from the referral source, which is usually the IRTS, RTC, county, or a tribal nation. People who are eligible but not identified while at AMRTC or Forensic Services may have that evidence confirmed after the fact by the facility. Identified Participants may transition to IRTS or other treatment prior to community housing and retain their eligibility for Bridges RTC. The time frame that they are diverted to other facilities does not affect the Participant's eligibility; they remain eligible if the individual has a legal commitment court document that has been verified and noted in the file.

### **To Apply:**

Please contact the [Bridges housing agency](#) in the area you would like to live to obtain further eligibility and waitlist information. The housing agency or their service partner will assist you with the application process if you are eligible and the waitlist is open.