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Steadfast Housing Development Corporation (SHDC) is a private nonprofit corporation founded in 1989. The goal of the corporation is to provide statewide housing and employment opportunities to “Eligible Consumers” who are defined as: adults diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental disability.

The Supported Housing Program (SHP) began in 1998 on Oahu, then expanded to the Big Island, Maui and Kauai in 2000.



The program is funded by the State of Hawaii, Department of Health and the federal government and serves approximately 500 Consumers annually.

Supported Housing Program

The SHP provides Consumers the option to live in permanent housing of choice and support services to successfully assume the role of tenant and neighbor. The program also assists Consumers in maintaining independence, a positive quality of life and in averting a cycle of displacement or homelessness caused by their disability.

The SHP consist of two components:

- The Bridge Subsidy Program
- The Housing Support Team.

The Bridge Subsidy Program provides Consumers a temporary rental subsidy until federal, state or other permanent rental subsidies can be found.

The Housing Support Team (HST) consists of a Program Manager, Residential Specialist Supervisors (RSII) and Residential Specialists (RS) who provide assistance to Consumers receiving Bridge Subsidies, Section 8, and Shelter + Care rental assistance. The HST identifies affordable housing of choice and provides 24-hour flexible and responsive support services by visiting and/or communicating with both tenant and landlord to assure obligations of tenancy.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Consumers are registered with the Adult Mental Health Division.
2. Consumers are able to live independently and take care of themselves individually or with appropriate “wrap” services.
3. Consumers have a support system to monitor their independent living needs and well being (family, friends, Case Manager, etc.).
4. Consumers are able to pay bills on time including, but not limited to rent, phone and utilities.
5. Consumers are able to maintain their sobriety and are a low risk for violence.



The HST’s primary objectives are to locate, negotiate and obtain public and private rental housing units, seek and obtain state and federal subsidies such as Section

8 and Elderly/Disabled Housing and provide support services (e.g., home visits and mediation with landlords and other tenants to resolve grievances and problems) to Consumers. RS assist with the establishment of households including, but not limited to, acquisition of initial set-up furnishing and health and safety equipment. RS also ensure that Consumer responsibilities are met and the rent is paid in a timely manner.

Consumer Responsibilities

Consumers are responsible for a portion of the monthly rent (approximately one-third of their income), SHDC subsidizes the balance. Consumers are also responsible for utilities that are not included in the monthly rent and other miscellaneous expenses such as telephone and cable TV. Consumers are to conduct themselves in a manner that will not disturb their neighbors, not engage in criminal activity in the unit, common area or grounds, maintain the rental unit and follow all house rules.

