

## **PATHWAY HOME PROGRAM Fact Sheet for Clients**

### **What is the Pathway Home program?**

Pathway Home is a program that enables families and individuals who are eligible to move in with friends or family members (“host families”). Pathway Home can help you move from shelter back to the community, or avoid shelter if being released from the Department of Correction (DOC) and meet the eligibility requirements, as quickly as possible by providing monthly payments to your host family for up to 12 months. The program is open to all eligible families or individuals who have resided in shelter for at least 90 days or those who meet criteria for DOC program.

- **The program provides monthly payments to host families of up to \$1200, \$1500 or \$1800, depending on your household size.**

### **How do I apply?**

You must complete an application, including identifying a qualified residence and host family to participate in the program. The host family you identify must also complete paperwork to include with your application. Your case manager, housing specialist, or social worker will help you complete an application and gather the documentation needed. After you submit your application, the Human Resources Administration (HRA), the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) or your community Homebase provider will notify you if any additional information is needed.

HRA and DHS will determine eligibility based on the following factors:

- You are currently living in a DHS shelter for 90 or more days **or** have a referral for CITYFHEPS.
- You are qualified for the special DOC program.
- Your total household income is not more than 200% of the federal poverty level.
- You have an Active or Single Issue Cash Assistance case.
- You have identified a qualifying residence and host family (see requirements for the residence below).

If you have reapplied for shelter within 10 days of your last stay in shelter of 90 or more days, HRA and DHS may waive the requirement that you currently reside in shelter.

- **If you are currently eligible for CITYFHEPS you will still be able to use a City rental assistance supplement to move to your own apartment even if you participate in the Pathway Home program now to join family or friends if you continue to meet eligibility criteria.**

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### What are the requirements for the residence I want to move to?

The program is only available to eligible households who are moving in with a host family. The residence you are moving to and the host family must meet certain requirements, including the following:

- The host family must include the primary tenant or owner of the residence (your friend or family member).
- The residence must be inspected by DHS/HRA staff to confirm there are no health or safety issues and that the residence would not be overcrowded if you moved in.

### What payments will my host family and I receive?

The City will make monthly payments directly to your host family or to the landlord if you are receiving a rental assistance supplement. The amount will be based on your household size as shown in the chart below. However, if the primary tenant (your friend or family member) receives Cash Assistance, the amount paid by the City may not be more than the primary tenant's total payment obligation for the residence minus the primary tenant's or owner's Cash Assistance shelter allowance.

You and your host family may also receive a \$300 gift card if you go to a Homebase program within 60 days of your move and funding is currently available.

Pathway Home Program Chart			
Cash Assistance Household Size	1 or 2	3 or 4	5+
Monthly Payment to Host *	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800

\* Subject to limitations where primary tenant or owner receives Cash Assistance, as noted above, or where the host family's residence is rent stabilized or rent controlled.

The information in this document provides a general overview of the Pathway Home program. It is not intended to provide full details about the program.