



HOME FORWARD PROGRAM

*A Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program
funded by the City of Kalamazoo*

Home Forward is a rental assistance program that helps eligible households afford housing. The program reduces the amount participants pay toward rent, making it easier to maintain stable housing and focus on other financial goals.

Who May Qualify?

1. Households needing support to obtain or maintain safe, stable housing. You do not have to be homeless to apply.

2. Households must meet income, residency, rental unit and program requirements as follows:

a. Household must have earned income.

Earned income is generally defined as income received from working.

Earned income does not include: social security benefits, SSI, pension or retirement income, child support, unemployment benefits, TANF cash assistance, or investment income. These sources must be in addition to earned income.

AND;

b. Household earned income must be 80% or below area median income (AMI).

AND;

c. Rental unit must be located in the City of Kalamazoo or within the Kalamazoo Public School District (KPS) AND;

d. Rental unit must meet a rent standard of 110% of fair market rent (FMR) including utilities.

Program Benefits

- Rental assistance paid directly to help reduce housing costs.
- Greater housing choice in the private rental market.
- Support in obtaining and maintaining stable housing.
- Financial Self Sufficiency

Program Requirements for Success

To continue receiving rental assistance through the Moving Forward program, participants must:

- Contribute their portion of the monthly rent (typically 30-40% of household income); **AND**
- Participate in Financial Self-Sufficiency training and related program activities; **AND**
- Continue to meet all program eligibility requirements.

The Home Forward program is designed to help participants build housing stability and achieve financial goals. Staff will work with participants to support their success in meeting program expectations and maintaining eligibility throughout their enrollment.

How to Get Started:

CALL

269.569.1873 (direct office line to Program Coordinator)

EMAIL

Complete the **HOME FORWARD REFERRAL** form and return via:

Email: referral@housingresourcesinc.org

Completing a referral form does not guarantee enrollment in the program.

WALK IN

Housing Resources, Inc. (HRI)

643 W. Crosstown Parkway

Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Monday thru Friday 8:30AM – 4:30PM

WEBSITE

www.housingresourcesinc.org

MEET WITH US IN THE COMMUNITY

HRI team members provide outreach services and complete intakes weekly at Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries, Ministry with Community, Kalamazoo Defenders, and the YWCA. We can speak with you at any of these locations. Please check with the location for the scheduled times that HRI will be on site. If your organization would like to schedule an outreach visit at your location, please reach out to us.

Intakes remain active for six (6) months. If an intake has been completed in the last six (6) months, and the situation has changed, please contact us to update information (i.e. housing status, income, household size).

Eligibility and assistance amounts are determined by program rules defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and available funding as approved by the City of Kalamazoo.

Completion of a referral form or an initial contact does not guarantee program enrollment.