

Transitional Housing: Models & Rent Structures

This document describes the three most common transitional housing models and rent structures being used by OVW Transitional Housing Grant program grantees. A program's housing model and rent structure will vary based on considerations such as the program's mission, funding, and the population of survivors being served.

Transitional Housing Models

Scattered Site

- Survivors live in an apartment in the community in a full market rental unit.
- Survivor holds a lease in his or her own name.
 - Alternatively, the program holds the lease and subleases to the survivor.
- Program is not in the role of the landlord unless subleasing to survivor.
- This model may allow the survivor to remain in the unit once the financial assistance has ended, thus eliminating the need to relocate again.

Clustered Site

- Program owns a building with multiple units or rents a group of apartments in a common location.
- Program serves as landlord and has separate staff responsible for landlord duties (as compared to staff responsible for support services).
- Survivor lives in program-owned building or one of the program-rented units for a specific period of time while looking for permanent housing.
- Allows survivors to build up rental history before obtaining permanent housing.

Communal Living

- Similar to shelter design. May have separate/private bedrooms but residents share common space such as living room, dining room, kitchen, etc.
- Program is responsible for all maintenance, upkeep, and repairs of the building.

Transitional Housing Rent Structures

Subsidized

- Survivor enters into lease. Program provides rental assistance which is paid directly to the landlord.

Rent and Sublet

- Lease is in program's name and sub-leased to survivor.

Own

- Program owns and operates the housing.