

AL TSA Housing Resources

The Bridge Subsidy

What is the Bridge Subsidy?

If you are interested in moving into an apartment in the community from a nursing facility, there is rental assistance to help you afford your rent. This rent assistance is called the Bridge Subsidy, and it is available in all areas of Washington state.

To receive the Bridge Subsidy, you must be eligible for and active on the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA) Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS).

You will be expected to pay about 30% of your income towards rent, and the Bridge Subsidy will pay for the rest directly to your landlord.

There is no end date on receiving the Bridge Subsidy, but recipients are asked to look for permanent affordable housing while on this subsidy.

An Important part of finding your new home is also deciding what AL TSA in home care services you will need. A Home and Community Services Nursing Facility Case Manager (HCS NFCM) can help you make this plan.

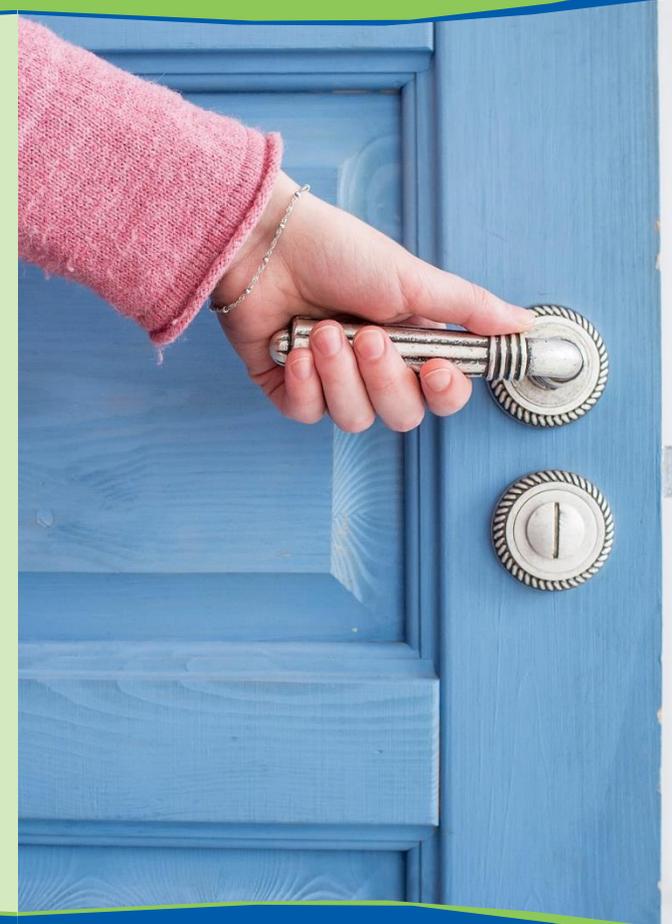
What is the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration?

The administration within DSHS that is responsible for providing long-term care services for persons with disabilities and older adults is called AL TSA (Aging & Long-Term Support Administration). An example of a long-term care service is personal care assistance.

AL TSA understands that most people want to live independently at home for as long as possible, so AL TSA offers options to individuals that honor client choice and housing preference.

AL TSA relies on partnerships with service providers and landlords across Washington state to continually expand long-term care options for AL TSA clients.

A Home and Community Services Nursing Facility Case Manager (HCS NFCM) can work with you to identify services you need to move from a skilled nursing facility into an apartment with any ongoing supports you may need to help you stay safely at home.



Resources to help you live in your own home.

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration

More about the Bridge Subsidy

When you have informed the Home and Community Services (HCS) Nursing Facility Case Manager (NFCM) assigned to your facility about your interest in the Bridge Subsidy, and have been determined eligible for AL TSA services, you may apply for the Bridge subsidy.

DSHS has Housing Program Managers that will assist in the subsidy application process. Your HCS NFCM will work with the DSHS Housing Program Managers to submit your application.

AL TSA Housing Program Managers work with the Spokane Housing Authority (SHA) to process applications and issue the subsidy. You do not need to live in Spokane to receive this subsidy! SHA works with landlords across the state.



Are You Eligible?

To receive the Bridge Subsidy and other long-term services from the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA), you must first be assessed by a Home and Community Services (HCS) Nursing Facility Case Manager (NFCM) to determine your functional eligibility. If you do not know the HCS NFCM assigned to the facility you are in, ask the facility social worker or other staff.

You must also complete the financial eligibility process with a DSHS financial worker. You may apply online at:

- Under age 65, apply at: www.wahealthplanfinder.org
- Over 65 and receiving Medicare, contact: www.washingtonconnection.org

Once you have been determined functionally and financially eligible for AL TSA Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS), you may complete the AL TSA Bridge subsidy application. Your HCS NFCM will help you with this process.

Other Housing Support Services

There may be assistance available to you for your apartment search and leasing steps, such as:

- Searching for a suitable apartment unit for your needs.
- Completing and submitting applications, including apartment applications.
- Obtaining current photo ID, Social Security cards and income verification.
- Providing the deposit or other move in assistance.
- On-going tenancy support services.

Talk with your HCS NFCM to learn whether Community Transition Services or Foundational Community Supports-Supportive Housing is available to you.

