



CCA New Hope Housing Program NOW Accepting Applications

New HOPE (*Higher Opportunities Purpose and Expectation*) Housing Program is **currently accepting applications** for families who are homeless or will be homeless within 14 days at the time of referral. Families must be referred to New HOPE through a case manager, social worker or counselor. New HOPE **does not accept self-referrals**.

New HOPE accepts single parents with children and couples with children. The program has 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, and 3 bedroom units available with 18 units in total. Families who are accepted into the New HOPE program are eligible to **reside at CCA New HOPE for a maximum of 24 - 36 months**.

To be eligible for the program, a family must meet the following criteria.

- The family must have a head of household who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor with child(ren). The parent(s) or guardian(s) must also have legal custody of any minor child(ren).
- The family must understand that this is a PROGRAM which requires the head of household and all able bodied adults in the household to be employed or willing to seek employment upon acceptance, attend meetings and workshops – failure to do so can lead to program termination. The family must be able to work and/or attend school 20 hours a week with the expectation that to move to full time employment.
 - For households receiving SSDI or SSI benefits, the work expectations of the program will be dependent on the allowable income per month according to the Social Security Administration rather than hours a week.
- Income earnings must be between 0% - 25% of the Area Median Income (AMI) at the time the applicant is selected. Please see the table below for specific income and household requirements.
- Having motivation to become self-sufficient, employed and independent.
- During the screening interview, HOH's should be able to demonstrate their willingness to benefit from this program.

Income Criteria

# of people in household	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum	\$16,275	\$18,600	\$20,925	\$23,250	\$25,110	\$26,970

The complete application consists of five items:

- New HOPE Housing Program **Referral Application** (2 pages)
- **Release of Information Form(s)**
- **Referral Letter** from agency on letterhead stationery stating the family homelessness situation
- **Personal Letter of Intent** written by the applicant
- **Second Reference Letter** written preferably by another professional – counselor, teacher, minister, etc.

The referring case manager, social worker or counselor must submit the completed application (always including the three required letters) by email to Carolyn DeSchiffart, Housing Intake Coordinator cdeschiffart@ccahelping.org and cc. Shellina Toure, Director of Housing Services stoure@ccahelping.org. Applications can also be mailed to 660 Winchester Ave, New Haven, CT 06511. All applications will be dated and time stamped upon receipt. Always keep a copy of the application for your files.

The referral packet can be found under the Program section of [CCA's website](#). The packet includes additional information about the program as well as the complete referral application and required forms. If you have any questions about the New HOPE program, please contact cdeschiffart@ccahelping.org or call 203-777-7176.