

Foundational Community Supports - Transition Assistance Program (FCS TAP)

Background

Enrollees of FCS supportive housing services often face financial obstacles to obtaining and maintaining safe, quality, affordable places to call home – especially when transitioning out of inpatient settings. Now, FCS supportive housing enrollees with behavioral health treatment needs can lower or remove financial barriers to housing stability by accessing TAP via participating FCS supportive housing service providers.

The Foundational Community Supports Transition Assistance Program (FCS TAP) is a flexible funding resource in support of FCS supportive housing services. In May of 2022, FCS TAP began providing the FCS supportive housing network with a pool of flexible funding that can be drawn upon when working with enrollees. Whether an FCS supportive housing enrollee seeks to acquire a state-issued ID, pay a rental housing application fee, or get assistance with move-in costs – FCS TAP can cover the cost through reimbursement after the FCS supportive housing provider takes a series of steps.

FCS TAP is only available via an FCS supportive housing enrollee's authorized FCS supportive housing service provider.

More about this program

Accessing FCS TAP funds requires an FCS supportive housing participant to be making a housing transition. FCS TAP offers FCS supportive housing enrollees up to \$5,000 in funding to be used throughout one year on approved expenditures. This is a rolling cap, so exactly one year after an FCS TAP payment is made, that cost no longer counts towards the amount spent by the enrollee.

FCS TAP allows providers to automatically cover costs according to established categories listed on

the [FCS TAP Quick Reference Guide](#). Common financial barriers to affordable housing, such as costs for IDs and other documentation, application fees, credit check fees, and move-in expenses like first/last month's rent (if one month of rent is under 120% Fair Market Rent value for the area), deposits, and non-refundable fees can be covered by FCS TAP. FCS TAP cannot pay ongoing rents.

Certain costs can be covered multiple times, such as the cost of an ID, while move-in costs and others can only be accessed once every 12 months. Review the [FCS TAP Quick Reference Guide](#) for more details about allowable expenditures.

Funding

The Washington State Legislature appropriated \$3,109,000 of the general fund during the 2023-24 biennial legislative session – a total of \$6,218,000 – to supply individuals enrolled in FCS Supportive Housing with short-term housing and rental assistance subsidies.

During SFY '22 and SFY '23, TAP covered over \$5.4m in housing related fees for FCS supportive housing enrollees.

Oversight

Amerigroup – the third-party administrator for FCS – administers FCS TAP funding. They review provider expenditures, make determinations, respond to reimbursement requests, reimburse providers, review Exception to Policy (ETP) requests, maintain FCS TAP system capacity, and more.

Who is served by the program

FCS TAP can be accessed by enrollees of FCS supportive housing services across the state who are seeking to maintain or transition into housing of their choice via participating FCS supportive housing service providers.

Across SFY '22 and SFY '23, **TAP served nearly 3,000 FCS Supportive Housing enrollees** via 86 FCS supportive housing service providers.

For more information

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