

Home Sharing Program FAQ

HIP Housing's no cost Home Sharing Program matches households who have a room or an accessory dwelling unit to rent in San Mateo County (Home Providers) with individuals (Home Seekers) who are seeking a place to live. Home Seekers pay rent or exchange household chores for reduced rent. Home Sharing is a creative solution to address our community's housing challenges.

Home Sharing Program Requirements

Home Providers must live in San Mateo County. Home Seekers must either live, work or attend school in San Mateo County, or have a housing voucher for the County, and be of a household of 1 or 2 persons.

Benefits for Home Providers

Home sharing enables Home Providers to save money and put extra income towards housing or other personal expenses. Having a housemate can increase your sense of security, potential for companionship, and help you maintain independence.

Benefits for Home Seekers

Home Sharing helps Home Seekers save money, reduce debt, and keep their housing costs affordable. It also helps alleviate traffic congestion by keeping workers and San Mateo County residents local.

How does HIP Housing help?

With the guidance offered by our Home Sharing team, we help make a successful home sharing match. Client support includes: guidance on how to interview and check references of a potential housemate; inventory checklist; completion of a Living Together Agreement; and, long-term follow up support.

People may have concerns regarding a negative experience with a previous housemate, about their privacy, safety, or compatibility, but HIP Housing provides one-on-one support to help clients create a positive home sharing experience.



How is a Home Sharing match arranged?

Clients interview and screen potential housemates, check each other's references, and make their own decision about who they want to home share with.

What information is needed for the interview?

Proof of identification, three non-related references and, Home Seekers' proof of income (which is kept confidential).

What happens during and after the interview?

Applicants meet with a Home Sharing coordinator to complete an application and a questionnaire to describe their lifestyle characteristics and ideal home share.

Once an applicant is accepted to the program, a Home Sharing Coordinator searches for housemate referrals based on rent range, location, and other lifestyle characteristics. Clients follow-up with each other using an interviewing guide and make their own decision about a housemate.

How do I apply to the Home Sharing Program?

Contact us at 650-348-6660 or hiphousing.org. We offer services via video conference and limited in-person interviews. Assistance in Spanish, Tagalog, and Mandarin/Cantonese, upon



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ONE Scholarship Can Change a Family's Life



What is the Self Sufficiency Program (SSP)?

SSP is a rental scholarship for low income parents and/or transitional age foster youth who are in school.

Benefits can include:

- Increase Income
- Education Advancement
- One-on-One support
- Financial Coaching
- Housing Stability
- Better Employment Opportunities
- Parenting Support

SSP works because it helps families:

- Take control of their lives
- Thrive in challenging housing market
- Feel more empowered and self confident
- Keeping San Mateo County residents and workers local

85% of participants complete education goals.

“SSP gave me the break I needed to focus on what mattered most: my daughter, my education, and more importantly myself.”



“HIP Housing gave me the lift and motivation I needed to accomplish my educational goals and open more opportunities to thrive so I can give my children a healthier and safe future.”



“HIP Housing was the pedestal for helping me achieve the life I've always desired for myself and my children.”

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Housing Readiness Program



What is HIP Housing's Housing Readiness Program?

The Housing Readiness Program empowers San Mateo County community members to navigate our complex local housing landscape. People who contact our agency will be provided with support from experienced staff, volunteers and interns to help them become more “housing ready”. This support could include providing housing resources, assistance with completing housing applications, and other activities that help prepare people to enter housing.

Program Requirements

Participants are encouraged to provide their name, where they reside, and their contact information. Optional information could include demographic information, income level, number of people in the household, and current housing status.

How do I inquire about the Housing Readiness Program?

Contact HIP Housing at 650-348-6660 or visit hiphousing.org for assistance. We offer assistance in Spanish, Tagalog, and Mandarin/Cantonese.

What happens during and after you contact us?

An initial assessment is completed to determine:

- Housing-related needs
- Barriers to accessing/finding housing
- Support to complete housing applications
- Housing and community-based resources

Benefits for San Mateo County Community Members

- Follow up after resources have been provided
- Development of a personalized housing plan
- Assistance with housing applications
- Education to become more housing ready
- Improve capacity to find housing



Who is HIP Housing?

HIP Housing is a non-profit organization with over 50 years of providing affordable housing in San Mateo County. Programs include:

- Home Sharing Program
- Self-Sufficiency Program
- Property Development & Management
- Housing Readiness Program



Programa de Preparación Para la Vivienda



Requisitos del programa

Se alienta a los participantes a proporcionar su nombre, lugar de residencia y su información de contacto. Es opcional pero ayuda el proporcionar información demográfica, nivel de ingresos, número de personas en el hogar y estado actual de vivienda.

¿Cómo me informo del Programa de preparación para la vivienda?

Comuníquese con HIP Housing al 650-348-6660 o visite hiphousing.org para obtener ayuda. Ofrecemos asistencia en español, tagalo y mandarín/cantonés.

¿Qué sucede durante y después de contactarnos?

Se completa una evaluación inicial para determinar:

- Necesidades relacionadas con la vivienda
- Límites para acceder/encontrar vivienda
- Apoyo necesario para completar las solicitudes de vivienda
- Vivienda y recursos comunitarios

¿Qué es el Programa de preparación para la vivienda de HIP Housing?

El Programa de preparación para la vivienda empodera a los miembros de la comunidad del condado de San Mateo para navegar el complejo panorama de vivienda local. Las personas que se comuniquen con nuestra agencia recibirán apoyo de personal con experiencia, voluntarios y pasantes para ayudarlos a estar más "preparados para la vivienda". Este apoyo podría incluir proporcionar recursos de vivienda, asistencia para completar solicitudes de vivienda y otras actividades que ayuden a preparar a las personas para ingresar a una vivienda.

Beneficios para los miembros del condado de San Mateo

- Seguimiento después de que se hayan proporcionado los recursos
- Desarrollo de un plan de vivienda personalizado
- Asistencia con solicitudes de vivienda
- Educación para estar más preparados para la vivienda
- Mejorar la capacidad para encontrar vivienda



¿Quién es HIP Housing?

HIP Housing es una organización sin fines de lucro que ha ofrecido por más de 50 años vivienda asequible en el condado de San Mateo. Los programas incluyen:

- El programa de viviendas compartidas
- El programa de auto suficiencia
- Administración y desarrollo de propiedades
- El programa de preparación de vivienda

Para más información: Visite HIPHousing.org