

Foundational Community Supports – Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

Homelessness is traumatic and cyclical, putting people at greater risk for developing physical and mental health conditions, including substance use disorders.

Foundational Community Supports (FCS) assists enrollees across the state face financial obstacles to obtaining places to call home, especially when exiting inpatient settings. FCS supportive housing (SH) enrollees with behavioral health treatment needs may access this funding opportunity.

Overview

FCS Transition Assistance Program (TAP) launched in May of 2022 and serves Washington's most vulnerable population with complex care needs. TAP supports FCS SH eligible individuals to obtain safe, stable affordable housing. Fundamentally, FCS TAP contributes to a healthier Washington by supporting program enrollees as they take steps to achieve their personalized housing goals and lowers barriers to securing housing stability by covering authorized fees.

FCS TAP has a network of providers under contract through Wellpoint, FCS's third-party administrator (TPA). Administered by Wellpoint, the FCS TAP provides the FCS supportive housing (SH) network with flexible funding that can be drawn upon by FCS SH providers working with enrollees. FCS TAP aims to lower and remove financial barriers to housing stability. TAP may also be used to bridge individuals exiting certain inpatient treatment facilities as they await longer-term rental resources.

Eligibility requirements

Individuals are eligible to access TAP funding if they:

- Are receiving FCS-eligible-Medicaid
- Are authorized for Supportive Housing Services

- Are seeking to transition into housing of their choice
- Identify as having a behavioral health treatment need

Allowable Expenditures

TAP allows providers to cover costs according to established categories listed on the [TAP Quick Reference Guide](#). Common financial barriers to affordable housing, such as application fees, credit check fees, and move-in expenses like first/last month's rent. Deposits and non-refundable fees can also be covered by FCS TAP.

Accessing FCS TAP funds requires an FCS supportive housing participant to make a housing transition. Requests must now be accompanied by a signed moving attestation. All TAP requests must be pre-approved before spending by provider.

Budget for SFY 26

\$2,487,000 General Fund State.

TAP funds were split into two equal disbursements to preserve funding. Half of the funds were released at the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, 2025. The second half will be made available on January 1, 2026.

Partners

- Wellpoint
- FCS Provider Network
- WA State Department of Commerce
- WA State Department of Health and Social Services

Program outcomes FY25

In FY25, TAP actively served FCS-SH enrollees for four months. During this time, 4,032 expenditures were approved for 1,872 individuals across 147 FCS TAP providers working within Washington. The total amount of TAP funds spent during SFY25 was \$2,682,190.82

For more information

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