

# Who is eligible for the Olmstead Transition and Diversion Program?

- People who reside in an institutional setting, such as nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, state psychiatric facilities, rehabilitation facilities, etc. The person must be transitioning to a residence in West Virginia.
- People who live in the community and are at imminent risk of being placed in an institutional setting.

**If you have questions or need assistance completing an application, please contact:**

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**West Virginia  
Olmstead Transition  
and Diversion Program**

**The intent of the Olmstead Transition and Diversion Program is to assist people who reside in facility settings to transition to the community or for those who are at imminent risk of facility placement to remain in their own home. Due to the limited funding available, it is critical to allocate funding to those wishing to return home and those at imminent risk of facility placement.**

#### ***What are facility placements?***

Placements include nursing and intermediate care facilities for people with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID), state psychiatric facilities (or diversion facilities), rehabilitation facilities, acute care hospitals, or assisted living residences accepting state supplemental funding.

#### ***What does imminent risk mean?***

Individuals in the community whose mental or physical health has deteriorated resulting in a new need to support self-care that cannot be met without the requested support from the Olmstead Transition and Diversion Program and facility placement is likely within three months are at imminent risk of institutionalization.

#### ***What does the program cover?***

Allowable goods and services under this program are those reasonable and necessary to support a transition or diversion from facility placement:

- **Security deposit** that is required to obtain a lease to occupy a home.
- **Essential and basic household furnishings** required to occupy a home.
- **Set-up fees or deposits for utility services** required to occupy a home.
- **Moving expenses** needed to move to the community.
- **Home accessibility modifications** needed to support the individual's disability and increase

independence. Home accessibility modifications include, but are not limited to, installation of ramps or modifications to bathrooms. Contractor estimates must be detailed and include a copy of the contractor's license.

#### ***Can a family member or social, civic, or religious organization provide the labor to complete home accessibility modifications?***

Yes. However, participants are responsible to comply with all local and state regulations, and obtain the appropriate permits, licenses, insurance and bonding.

#### ***Is there a maximum amount of funding available under this program?***

Yes. Funding is limited to **\$2,500** per participant. If the applicant has needs that exceed the cap, other resources must be acquired or leveraged. Also, there is a limit of one approved application per year.

#### ***What is not covered by this program?\****

- Direct or hands-on supportive services.
- Costs associated with home improvements or repairs that are considered regular maintenance and upkeep of a home. For example: repairing or replacing flooring, cabinets, roofing, siding, decking, drywall, water lines, and/or gas lines.
- Medications or supplements (prescribed or over-the-counter).
- Vehicle accessibility modifications, adaptations, or payments.
- Past due utility bills, rent payments, mortgage payments, credit card bills, or medical bills.
- Items that have already been purchased.

\*This is not an all-inclusive list and the review committee reserves the right to determine whether the request meets the intent of the program.

#### ***What are the responsibilities of the applicant?***

The applicant must:

- Complete and submit the application;
- Obtain detailed and itemized estimates for all funding that is requested;
- Return copies of all final receipts to the Olmstead Office; AND
- Ensure that the funding is spent only in the manner for which it was approved.

#### ***What happens after an application is submitted?***

The applicant will receive a letter confirming the application was received and the approximate date the application will be reviewed. A review committee will review the application and determine whether it meets the eligibility criteria for the program. The applicant should expect to receive a letter of approval or denial within two weeks of the approximate review date on the initial letter.

#### ***If an application is approved, when will funding be received?***

Funding will be processed by the grantee, Community Access, within 30 days of the date of the approval letter. Checks will be made payable to the vendor, supplier, contractor, or entity providing the goods and/or services requested in the application. No checks will be made payable to the applicant.

