

Housing Subsidy Programs Breakdown

<u>Housing Subsidy Program</u>	<u>Lease holder</u>	<u>Who pays you rent?</u>	<u>Leasing options</u>	<u>Unit inspection requirements</u>
Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8)	Lease signed by tenant	Tenant and Bellingham Housing Authority	1 year	Unit inspected by the <u>Bellingham Housing Authority</u> at move in and annually thereafter.
Subsidized Housing Program (SHP)	Lease signed by sponsor agency	Opportunity Council	1 year	Unit inspected by the <u>Opportunity Council</u> at move in and annually thereafter.
Shelter Plus Care (SPC)	Lease signed by sponsor agency	Opportunity Council	1 year	Unit inspected by the <u>Bellingham Housing Authority</u> at move in and annually thereafter.
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	Lease signed by tenant	Tenant and Opportunity Council	1 year or Month-to-Month	Unit inspected by the <u>City of Bellingham</u> at move in and annually thereafter.
ESG/County funding	Lease signed by tenant	Tenant and Opportunity Council	1 year or Month-to-Month	Unit inspected by the <u>Opportunity Council</u> or sponsoring case management program at move in.
Veteran Affairs Subsidized Housing (VASH)	Lease signed by tenant	Tenant and Bellingham Whatcom Housing Authority	1 year	Unit inspected by the <u>Bellingham Housing Authority</u> at move in and annually thereafter.
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	Lease signed by tenant	Tenant and Opportunity Council	1 year or Month-to-Month	Unit inspected by the <u>Opportunity Council</u> at move in.
Housing and Essential Needs (HEN)	Lease signed by tenant	Opportunity Council	6 months or Month-to-Month unless already established lease	No inspection required. Landlords sign confirmation of habitability.



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Who can I contact if I have more questions?

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