

Q and A Offender Success Housing 2023

What is meant by the monitoring of housing placements to ensure health and safety regulations are maintained? This sounds more like aftercare.

A: Landlords are responsible for keeping properties up to code, as well as “habitable.”

Assure standards for quality housing consistent with local community standards. This again sounds like aftercare and code enforcement.

A: Landlords are responsible for property compliance with local commissions.

Maintain monthly housing case plans for each PR resident. What is involved in the “case plan”?

A: Case plans will be developed by Kinexus staff. Landlords do not have responsibility for assigning or transitioning tenants placed within the property.

How do I determine whether something qualifies as a two bed vs 4 bed?

A: Housing size is determined by how many actual bedrooms are within the property, and how many it is zoned for.

What is the ADA requirement? Is that something that I currently meet or something different?

A: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. If a disabled participant requests a change to make the housing facility accessible to them, the ADA requires the landlord to make reasonable accommodations to meet the needs of that request.

If we have a current contract for housing, or have submitted a response to this RFP in the past, do we need to respond to this RFP?

A: Yes. Kinexus has received a new contract from MDOC and new procurement of subcontracts is required.

Thanks for the clarification on the bedrooms and Ada. Could you also provide clarification on the monthly rent? Is this something set by the state at a maximum amount?

A. We are required to use the HUD Fair Market Rents based on household size. Due to additional items the landlord is responsible for, and the understanding of the population we are serving, we are able to offer a slightly higher rate within a percentage. Contract rates can be negotiated after the proposal is rated by Kinexus staff, and it meets minimum threshold.