

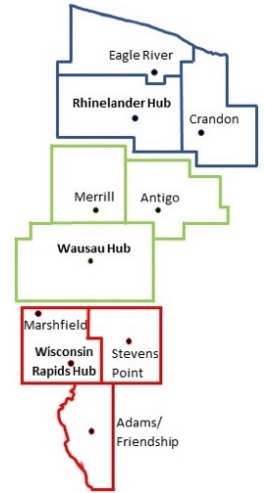


FSET Emergency Housing Assistance

(Operated by Wood County Human Services Department & CW Solutions)

In June 2020, the Department of Health Services (DHS) issued additional support service funding to each FSET agency to address COVID-related challenges for participants. NorthCentral FSET has chosen to use this additional funding for emergency housing assistance support services, a new option authorized by DHS in 2020.

The additional funding is only available through September 30, 2020, which is the end of the 2020 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). NorthCentral FSET will continue to provide some form of FSET Emergency Housing Assistance for enrolled and engaged FSET participants for FFY 2021, however it may be more limited due to the amount of available funding. NorthCentral FSET is comprised of a nine-county region and this policy only covers our nine-county area.



What is FSET Emergency Housing Assistance?

Housing assistance may be provided on a case-by-case basis for emergency situations, and only when all other funding sources have been exhausted. Housing assistance may be provided for a period of one month maximum per an individual’s FoodShare certification period (*FSET Handbook 10.4*). Only a single month of assistance can be provided. For example, if an individual is behind 3 months’ rent, FSET can only fund a maximum of one of those months of rent. If a person is homeless or has to move, FSET can fund both the security deposit and first month’s rent. The following are **NorthCentral FSET** eligibility guidelines.

What are the Eligibility Requirements?

1. The individual must be enrolled in FSET and engaging in FSET-approved activities.
2. The individual has a housing emergency (at risk of losing housing or is homeless).
3. Other funding sources have already been exhausted and a housing emergency still exists.
4. The individual has not received FSET Emergency Housing Assistance in their current FoodShare Certification Period.
5. The cost is reasonable and necessary.

Can FSET Emergency Housing Assistance Be Combined with Other Funding Sources?

Yes, FSET funding can be combined with other sources provided the other sources are not able to completely resolve the housing crisis. FSET can only fund a single month of housing (and security deposit when applicable).

Does the Individual Need to have Children to Qualify?

No, the individual does not need to have a child to qualify. Any enrolled FSET participant can qualify.

Does the Individual Need to have an Eviction Notice?

No, but it must be considered an emergency – they are at risk of losing their housing if the payment is not paid.

Can a Homeless Person Qualify for Help?

Yes, an individual experiencing homelessness who is enrolled and participating in FSET can use FSET Emergency Housing Assistance to help with permanent housing, by paying for one month of rent and the security deposit.

How does Someone Apply?

The FSET participant needs to contact their assigned FSET Case Manager. Please visit <http://myfset.net/Locations> for local office contact information.