

Fact Sheet

GRHomeShare Launch
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GRHomeShare is a program of New Development which seeks to create greater access to affordable housing by matching homeowners with housing seekers to develop mutually beneficial relationships, supporting senior needs within the community, and providing opportunities for alternate rental options.

Terminology:

Seeker – Clients searching for affordable rental housing through homesharing. Seekers may reduce their rent through completion of agreed upon household maintenance and support tasks like cleaning, gardening, cooking, or errands. Seekers may be individuals or families.

Provider – Existing homeowners who open their homes to a seeker in exchange for financial support, household help, companionship or security. Providers are often, but not always, over the age of 55 and may be individuals or families looking to share their home.

Match – The pairing of one provider with one or more seekers mutual benefit of all.

Eligibility Requirements

- GRHomeShare is open to applicants of all income levels.
- Providers are required to be existing, live-in homeowners.
- One member of each GRHomeShare match must be over the age of 55. This may be either the seeker or provider.
- GRHomeShare completes background, property, credit and reference checks on all applicants. The GRHomeShare does not accept any applicant subject to lifetime sex offender registry requirements or who has been convicted of the manufacture, distribution, sale, or possession of methamphetamines or heroin.

Client Process

1. Phase 1 Application (Eligibility)
 - a. \$25.00 Application Fee
2. Phase 2 Interview/Home Visit (Compatibility)
3. Guided Match
 - a. Client may consider a selection of candidate profiles to find the best possible fit
 - b. Income Based Match Fee
4. Maintenance and Data Assessment
 - a. Clients are interviewed monthly to track the success of the match.
 - b. GRHomeShare offers mediation and support to guide the match through its initial transition.

Who can GRHomeShare benefit?

- Homeowners struggling with the physical and/or financial maintenance of their home
- Renters struggling with the rising cost of housing in Grand Rapids
- Seniors searching for a greater sense of community engagement, access, or personal connection.
- Individuals looking for a chance to build a healthy relationship and support system with a housemate.
- Individuals looking for support, guidance, and safety in the search for the right housemate.

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