What is in this for me?

If you decide to apply for a Special Needs Housing apartment:

You will have someone to call when there is a challenge or problem in your life. Staff can help to find resources that may be available in your local community for:

- Medical equipment
- Assistance with food, clothing, utilities and rent
- A caretaker or aide
- Help with an Income Tax Return
- Apply or recertify for government benefits, food stamps (SNAP), etc.

All services and information are completely confidential and private

If you or anyone in your household requires a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize the Special Needs housing apartment, please call the Local Lead Agency contact at (575) 755-2272.
How to Qualify

To qualify for a Special Needs housing apartment, all applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Must have incomes at or below:
   - Family of One $17,500/yr.
   - Family of Two $20,000/yr.
   - Family of Three $22,500/yr.
   - Family of Four $25,000/yr.

2. Qualify as a Special needs household, in which an individual or household member has a substantial, long term disability which includes any of the following: (1) Serious Mental Illness; (2) Addictive Disorder (i.e., individuals in treatment and demonstrated recovery from substance abuse disorder); (3) Developmental Disability; (4) Physical, sensory, or cognitive disability occurring after the age of 22; (5) Disability caused by chronic illness) (6) Age-related Disability or, (7) households/individuals who are homeless.

3. Have a designated services provider to provide needed services and to prevent tenant eviction.

Steps to Obtain a Special Needs Apartment

Step One: Obtaining an Application. You may obtain a Special Needs Housing application through your service provider or through Community Based Services the designated Local Lead Agency (LLA) for Chaves County. An application can be obtained by calling Amanda Platt at 575-755-1505 or, by sending an email to dalonso@lacasahealth.com

Step Two: Review of Application. Once the application is complete and all supporting documentation submitted and verified, special needs applications will be reviewed by the Local Lead Agency, (NM Behavioral Health Institute, Community Based Services). You will be notified whether you are eligible or not. Eligible applicants will be placed either in the initial lottery or later on the housing wait list.

Step Three: Referral of Qualified Consumer. Once the applicant gets to the top of the wait list and a special needs housing apartment becomes available that is a good match by apartment size and your income, you will complete and submit a lease application to the property manager for their review and approval.

Step Four: Moving into your apartment. Once the property manager has approved the application, the individual will be attend a lease signing with the property manager and mutually decide on a move-in date.