**WHAT IS SHARED HOUSING?**

* When two or more tenants who live together and share common living space (most often having their own room)
* Lease can either be bifurcated or a shared master lease
* It is a permanent rental housing, in that the participant is on the lease and has full tenancy rights

**WHY DO WE NEED SHARED HOUSING?**

* Our community is experiencing low rental vacancies and high cost for rent, there aren’t as many options
* Creative housing strategies must be used for our existing market
* Shared housing is common in the private market; it can encompass a variety of shapes, sizes, and forms
* Living with other people – especially when transitioning out of homelessness – has extraordinary social, mental, and emotional benefits, as it decreases isolation and helps individuals develop a natural support network

**HOW DO WE ENSURE PARTICIPANT SUCCESS?**

***(Please complete this section based on what your program and organization can offer)***

Examples include:

* Individuals can receive case management and follow-up support after move-in
* Clients can participate in a comprehensive matchmaking process that ensures compatibility, living well with others training, and the development of a housemate agreement
* Two or more incomes provides payment security
* Clients might have resources for rental assistance and move-in fees