

Mohawk Valley Housing and Homeless Coalition
Utica/Rome/Oneida and Madison Counties Continuum of Care
Collaborative Applicant: United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica

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About Us

The Mohawk Valley Landlord Engagement Initiative is a collaborative group of housing and homeless assistance providers serving Oneida & Madison Counties. We are a member subcommittee of the Mohawk Valley Housing and Homeless Coalition.

Our Mission

Create and foster a dynamic partnership with landlords and communities with the common goal to end homelessness.

1. Which best describes you? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Property Owner/Landlord
☐ Property Manager Other (please specify)

2. Please provide your current zip code (where you live): _____

a. Where are your rental properties located? Please list all the cities or towns (or the zip codes for these cities and towns) in Oneida County where you have rental properties:

3. What kind of rental units do you have? (check all that apply):

- ☐ Single detached house or a semi-detached or duplex townhouse or row house
☐ Single-room occupancy - SRO (a building with rooms rented out- but these rooms do not have their own kitchens or bathrooms)
☐ House with multiple rental apartments (up to 20 units or apartments) that are available for tenants to rent
☐ Large building with 20 or more apartments that are available for tenants to rent

4. Please provide basic facts about your rental properties. What size are the buildings where you have apartments for rent? (check all that apply).

☐ 1-5 units ☐ 6-10 units ☐ 11-50 units ☐ 50+ units

5. Please list your average monthly rent: _____ 1Bed _____ 2Bed _____ 3Bed

6a. Is heat included with the rent? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Some units have heat included and some do not.

6b. Are other utilities (electricity and gas for cooking) included in the rent? ____ Yes ____ No ____ Some units have other utilities included and some do not.

7. Please check all that apply when you are renting out a unit:

- ☐ I ask for and check references from past landlords.
- ☐ My tenant and I sign a Lead Disclosure form
- ☐ My tenants all sign a written lease.
- ☐ I take pictures of the unit before each tenant moves in.
- ☐ I know and understand Fair Housing laws
- ☐ I ask questions about their current employment or ask for employment references.
- ☐ I check the prospective tenant out on the internet (Google, Facebook, etc.).
- ☐ I charge a security deposit.
- ☐ I complete credit checks on prospective clients.
- ☐ Other: _____

8. Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I have searched online for landlord resources from other places.
- ☐ I have talked informally with other local landlords.
- ☐ I have talked with workers involved with my tenants (e.g. Social Workers, Community Workers, Housing Support Workers, etc.).
- ☐ Other: _____

9. We are working together with our partners in the community to improve housing options for everyone. Please check all that you think might be useful to local landlords.

- ☐ Public recognition of landlords (for example Friendly or Ethical Landlord Awards)
- ☐ User-friendly handbook on landlord and tenant issues to help landlords and tenants address problems and mediate conflicts.
- ☐ Assistance with property improvements
- ☐ Access to funds to repair damage caused by tenants
- ☐ Funding to make units more accessible.
- ☐ Education/Information sessions for landlords
- ☐ Education/Information sessions for tenants
- ☐ Certificates from tenants who take education programs to understand their responsibilities.
- ☐ Online database for landlords to post affordable housing, where housing workers can help match clients.

10. Please list any community agencies or rental assistance programs that you are currently working with:

11. What makes a successful tenant/landlord relationship?

12. What other information could help you as a Landlord

- ☐ Information on Income Support
- ☐ Information on programs and supports offered to tenants by community groups.
- ☐ Energy Efficiency Incentive Programs
- ☐ Making units more accessible.
- ☐ Tenant Responsibilities Training
- ☐ Landlord Responsibilities Training
- ☐ Conflict mediation training
- ☐ Information on providing housing to individuals with barriers.
- ☐ Tenant Insights (success stories, etc.)
- ☐ Fire safety training
- ☐ Information on Property Standards By-Law
- ☐ Other: _____

13. Would you participate in future information or networking sessions for landlords? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please provide updated contact information below.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

I do not use email: Please mail information to my address below:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City or Town, State, Zip Code _____

Additional Feedback:
