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| **Eligibility Requirements for The Beacon Programs** | **🏡 The Beacon Village (Highland Park) – Independent Recovery Housing** |
| **✔ Identify as female✔ Seeking housing as an individual (no children or partners living with you)✔ Living with addiction & ready to begin or continue recovery *(no formal diagnosis required)*✔ Maintained sobriety for at least 30 days OR 28 days if discharged from a short-term residential recovery center✔ Willing to commit to at least 6 months in the program, as it typically takes 6-9 months to graduate✔ Willing to participate in a structured, phased program that includes weekly case management, in-house programming, and goal-setting✔ Comfortable with urine analysis testing as part of maintaining a safe, substance-free environment** | **✔ Identify as female✔ Seeking housing as an individual (no children or partners living with you)✔ Committed to maintaining long-term sobriety & a substance-free lifestyle✔ Maintained sobriety for at least 60 days OR can provide a signed letter from a licensed professional confirming 1-3 months of sobriety and that you are not living with addiction✔ Willing to meet monthly with a case manager & participate in at least one community event per month✔ Able to manage personal care & access additional support (such as mental health care) independently✔ Comfortable with urine analysis testing as part of maintaining a safe, substance-free environment** |

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**📌 Updated Comparison Grid with On-Site Health Support & Resource Differences**

**Eligibility & Program Comparison: The Beacon at Sherman Hill vs. The Beacon Village**

| **Criteria** | **The Beacon at Sherman Hill (Shelter & Recovery Program)** | **The Beacon Village (Recovery Housing & Independent Living)** |
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| **Must identify as female** | ✅ Required | ✅ Required |
| **Must be 18 years or older** | ✅ Required | ✅ Required |
| **Housing is for individuals only (no children or partners living with you)** | ✅ Required | ✅ Required |
| **Commitment to a substance-free lifestyle** | ✅ Required (Must be living with addiction & ready to begin or continue recovery) | ✅ Required (Must have achieved stability in sobriety) |
| **Sobriety Requirement** | ✅ Must have **at least 30 days of sobriety** (or **28 days if discharged from a structured recovery center**). | ✅ Must have **at least 60 days of sobriety** OR provide a **signed letter from a licensed professional** confirming **1–3 months of sobriety and that you are not currently living with addiction.** |
| **Urine analysis testing required** | ✅ Required | ✅ Required |
| **Rent** | **Client responsibility is $105 per week, which includes housing, utilities, Wi-Fi, and laundry.** The remainder is covered by other funding sources. General Assistance may cover the first month, and case managers can help explore additional resources. | **$575–$750 per month**, depending on apartment size and availability. Includes **laundry, Wi-Fi, and utilities.** Residents must pay full rent each month with no exceptions. |
| **Health Support & On-Site Resources** | ✅ Both locations have **on-site resources**, including a **therapist and recovery meetings.** ✅ The Beacon at Sherman Hill offers **more structured resources for individuals who were formerly incarcerated or formerly experiencing homelessness.** | ✅ Both locations have **on-site resources**, including a **therapist and recovery meetings.** ✅ The Beacon Village provides **more independent living resources** to support long-term recovery stability. |
| **Case Management** | ✅ Weekly meetings with a Case Manager and weekly House Meetings with all residents. Case management support continues for up to **three years past graduation.** | ✅ Monthly meetings with a Case Manager. |
| **Program Structure** | ✅ Residents progress through a **five-phase program**, starting with a **5 PM curfew** and gradually moving to a **10 PM curfew** upon reaching phase five. Minimum stay is **six months.** | ✅ Independent living, no curfew. Residents must be stable in their recovery and responsible for their daily routines. |
| **Living Environment** | ✅ Residents **share a large bedroom and bathroom** with two other women and participate in **daily household chores.** Each resident has their **own bedroom closet with a keypad** for secure personal storage. | ✅ Residents live in **private apartments** with access to shared community spaces. |
| **Community Engagement** | ✅ Required participation in **in-house and community-based programming.** | ✅ Must participate in at least **one community-building event per month.** |
| **Expectations & Accountability** | ✅ Residents are supported with **dignity and respect** in their journey to remain **clean and sober**. **Belongings are searched regularly**, and **breathalyzer/drug tests** are conducted consistently for accountability and house safety. | ✅ Residents are expected to maintain **long-term sobriety** and remain **substance-free** as part of their lease agreement. |
| **Lease Requirement** | ❌ No lease required | ✅ Lease agreement required |
| **Service Animal Policy** | ❌ Not permitted | ✅ **Service animals are permitted** with **proper documentation, which must be submitted at the time of the applicant interview.** |
| **Best Fit For** | Women actively working on recovery who need **structured, phased programming** and **job/benefits assistance.** | Women who are ready for **independent recovery housing** with **ongoing case management support.** |