

# Welcome to My Home



Do you have a parent or a friend who needs a little care but can live independently?

**We may have the answer.**

Cumberland County Aging & Community Services, in collaboration with housing partner New Visions and funded through a PHARE grant, is offering one Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO).\*

The ECHO cottage is a small, separate residence, placed on the grounds of a host family that provides private, independent living for one qualifying older adult. (must be 60 + and financially eligible)

## Amenities include:

- ▶ 1 bedroom
- ▶ living room
- ▶ bathroom with shower
- ▶ kitchen
- ▶ AC/heat
- ▶ stove/refrigerator
- ▶ stackable washer/dryer
- ▶ ceiling fans
- ▶ removable wheelchair ramp

## For more information:



**Cumberland County Aging & Community Services**

717.240.6110 • [aging@cumberlandcountypa.gov](mailto:aging@cumberlandcountypa.gov)

[www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/echo](http://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/echo)

## \*Partners:



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# Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO)

## Quick Facts:

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### Benefits:

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- ▶ ECHO cottages provide safety and autonomy for an older adult with easy access to family members.
- ▶ Improves health of the older resident and reduces stress on caregivers.
- ▶ Easier and less costly than making home modifications. More affordable than a senior care facility.
- ▶ Host family and ECHO resident maintain privacy and dignity.

### Requirements:

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- ▶ Resident must be 60+ with an annual income 80% of the area median income (\$59,050).
- ▶ Resident must pay affordable rent, no more than 30% of income.
- ▶ Host family must live in Cumberland County.
- ▶ Resident must be able to live independently to maintain eligibility.
- ▶ Resident must maintain services consistent with their level of care determined by Cumberland County Aging & Community Services (ACS).

### Cottages:

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- ▶ Owned and managed by the housing partner New Visions (a nonprofit organization).
- ▶ The landowner/host family maintains the ECHO property, allowing utilities to the cottage to be hooked up to the host family residence.
- ▶ The ECHO cottage will be installed and then removed once it is no longer needed, at no cost to the tenant or host family.

### How to Apply:

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Complete an ECHO application. ECHO applications can be found online or at **Cumberland County Aging & Community Services** .1100 Claremont Road Carlisle, PA 17015

- ▶ Deliver in person or by mail to Cumberland County Aging & Community Services.
- ▶ Email to [aging@cumberlandcountypa.gov](mailto:aging@cumberlandcountypa.gov).
- ▶ Pick up hard copy applications at Aging & Community Services.

**Cumberland County Aging & Community Services will choose an applicant.**  
(must meet age, income, and other program eligibility requirements)