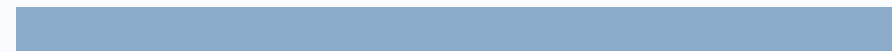




HOW TO GET A UNIT IN A HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE



What's a Housing Co-op?

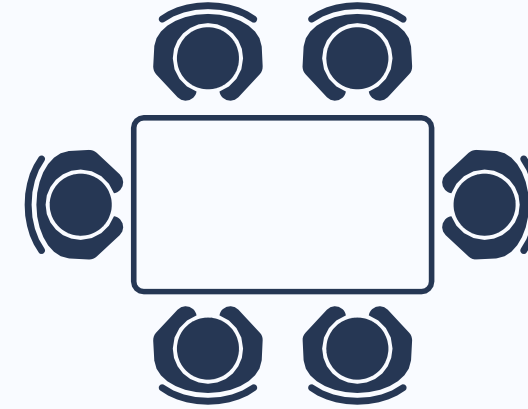
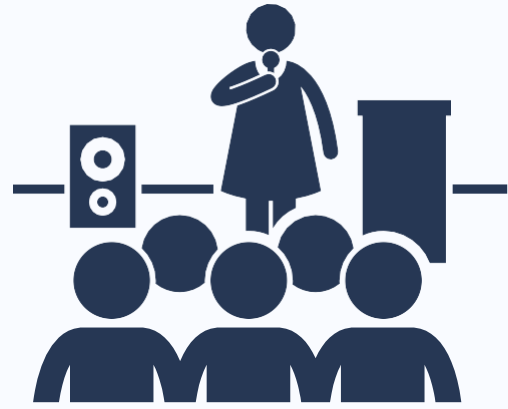
Tenants who are co-op members are eligible for a rent rebate. The price of their rent is less than the private market rate, since there is no landlord who profits from their rent.

Many co-operatives also have units that qualify for the Rent Supplement Program (which makes rent equal to 25% of a person's income).

All buildings, property and units that belong to housing co-operatives are collectively managed and cared for by the tenant-members themselves, in the spirit of cooperation and mutual aid.

Because co-operatives have a social mandate, another one of their objectives is to provide decent housing to renters at a price that is within their financial reach and that respects their rights.

How Members Get Involved



ANNUAL GENERAL
ASSEMBLY (AGA)

BOARD OF
DIRECTORS (BOD)

WORKING
COMMITTEES

CHORES AND
CLEANING



Member Privileges

- RENT REBATES
- ACCESS TO SHARED SPACES IN SOME CASES (YARDS, COMMON ROOMS, STORAGE SPACE, PARKING)
- OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW VIA CO-OP RESPONSIBILITIES
- SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND THEME NIGHTS
- DISCOUNTS IN SOME STORES IF THE CO-OP IS A FECHIMM MEMBER
- SUPPORT AND MUTUAL AID AMONG NEIGHBOURS



MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- FULFILLING THEIR TENANT RESPONSIBILITIES
- PAYING THEIR MEMBERSHIP SHARE
- PARTICIPATING IN WORKING COMMITTEES
- PARTICIPATING IN CHORES AND CLEANING
- PARTICIPATING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLIES



HOW TO GET A UNIT IN A CO-OP

Send a letter of intent that includes:

- Your personal information (name, address, phone number, number of people, etc.)
- Desired unit size and your household's annual income (to determine whether you are eligible for subsidized rent)
- A description of what you can bring to the co-op, based on your previous and current social engagements

If your application is selected, you will be invited to an interview with the selection committee.

