

Applicant Eligibility



An “eligible household” is defined as a renter household in which at least one or more individuals meets the following criteria:

Income

- ▣ Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median; AND

COVID Impact

- ▣ Has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19; or Qualifies for unemployment; AND

At Risk of Homelessness/Housing Instability

- ▣ Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability

Income

- Income limits are established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and are updated annually. Current income limits can be located by visiting: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>
- A reasonable basis, under the circumstances, must exist for determining income. Generally, an income determination requires a written attestation from the applicant as to household income and supporting documentation.

Income Types

- Employment wages
- Unemployment
- Self-Employment
- Business Income
- Pension/Retirement
- Social Security Benefits (SS, SSI, SSDI)
- Child Support
- TANF, AABD
- VA pension
- Workmen's compensation
- Alimony
- Gift contributions
- Foster Care Payments

Important! Documentation requirements may vary between programs.

COVID Impact



Applicant households must confirm that one or more members of the applicant's household has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Job loss or reduction in compensation;
- Closure of place of employment;
- Obligation to be absent from work to care for homebound school-aged child;
- Experienced a large unexpected medical cost related to COVID-19;
- Qualified for unemployment benefits;

Risk of Homelessness/Housing Instability



Applicant households must submit confirm that one or more members of the applicant's household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, which may include:

- Eviction Notice
- Notice of past due rent or landlord originated ledger
- Past due utility bill or shut-off notice
- Rent Burdened
 - Only applicable in situations where an applicant does not have rent or utility arrears and is requesting future assistance only
 - Applicant's monthly rental payment obligation is equal to 25% or more of monthly household income