AUXILIARY-GRANT (AG) FUNDED UNITS



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1. What is an AG unit?

The Auxiliary Grant (AG) is financial assistance to help cover the cost of room, board, and assistance with activities of living in a licensed assisted living facility¹ (ALF), an approved adult foster care (AFC) home, or a certified supportive housing setting for aged, blind, and/or disabled individuals. The AG can be applied towards memory care if the facility offers such care.

2. Who is eligible for Assisted Living using the AG Grant?

Financial criteria

Individuals with:

- Incomes of \$1,878/month or less (current as of 2022). Income from all sources including Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), retirement and pension payments are considered; and
- Assets of \$2,000 or less for one person or \$3,000 for a couple. All assets including savings and home equity are considered.

Physical criteria

- Age 18 and older, blind and/or with a disability;
- Needs assistance with one or more activities of daily living; and
- Does not meet the criteria for nursing home.

Examples of Activities of Daily Living include bathing, dressing, toileting, medication administration, laundry, housekeeping, and meal preparation.

Residency Criteria

Applicants for AG units in the City of Alexandria must live in the City to apply.

3. How does the AG Program work?

The AG provides an income supplement that ensures an approved assisted living facility receives a set monthly payment for the resident's room, board, and care. The AG payment is issued by the State, on a monthly basis, directly to a resident approved for an assisted living facility. The payment supplements the resident's monthly income to enable the resident to pay the facility.

The resident receiving the AG payment is required to contribute their full monthly income towards the facility AG rate, but may keep \$82/month for personal needs.

4. Where are AG units located in the City of Alexandria? Are there AG units in other locations in Virginia or outside of the State?

Please note that not all ALFs accept AG payments.

¹ Non-medical residential settings that provide or coordinate personal and health care services, provide 24-hour supervision, and assistance for the care of four or more adults who are aged, infirm or disabled.

In 2022, the following facilities have a limited number of designated AG units in the City of Alexandria:

The Landing Alexandria, 2620 Main Line Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22301 [opening early 2022!]

Sunrise of Alexandria*, 3520 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22304

Sunrise Old Town*, 400 N Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314

<u>Birmingham Green</u>**, 8605 Centreville Road, Manassas, VA 20110.

Alexandria residents with an approved AG may also apply for AG units at approved facilities in other parts of Virginia, including Birmingham Green. The AG cannot be used outside of the State of Virginia.

5. How do I apply for Assisted Living using the Auxiliary Grant?

- STEP 1: Contact the City of Alexandria's Division of Aging and Adult Services intake line at **703.746.5999**.
- STEP 2: Complete the Assisted Living Assessment. Meet with a designated social worker. Your social worker will conduct an assessment to determine if you qualify for assisted living care.
- STEPS 3: Apply for the Auxiliary Grant. If you qualify for assisted living care, your social worker will assist you with applying for the AG and facilitate placement in an ALF or approved home.

ALF staff will evaluate if the ALF facility has the capacity to meet your needs.

6. If I do not meet the Auxiliary Grant requirements, what other options do I have?

Your social worker will provide you with referrals for housing and care needs. Please also visit the <u>City of Alexandria's Office of Housing</u>, and <u>retirementlivingsourcebook.com/proaging</u> to review affordable housing, aging-in-place services, assisted living, home care and nursing home options in the metropolitan area.

^{*}Does not currently have AG vacancies.

^{**}Has beds allocated for City residents.