

COVID-19 Emergency Rent Relief Assistance Program

OFFICE OF HOUSING

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City of Alexandria
Virginia



PROGRAM VISION

The COVID-19 Rent Relief Assistance Program is designed to reduce the amount of rent owed that would otherwise have to be repaid in the future by a renter household as the economy recovers

To efficiently and equitably assist Alexandria renters experiencing housing insecurity and financial hardship due to COVID-19 related loss of income



Who is eligible:

- Households who experience documented loss of income directly related to COVID-19
- Households who live in the City and are income eligible
- Funding for priority group first



Income Guidelines

	Tier 1 - 50% of Virginia Median Income	Tier 2 – 60% of Area Median Income
Family Size	Monthly Gross	Monthly Gross
1	\$2,177	\$4,410
2	\$2,847	\$5,040
3	\$3,517	\$5,670
4	\$4,187	\$6,300
5	\$4,856	\$6,805
6	\$5,526	\$7,310
Asset limit	One-half of the monthly gross income by household size	



Assistance Per Household



- Up to 3 months of assistance
- Up to \$600 per month toward unpaid rent amounts from April 1 forward that are related to COVID 19
- All rent assistance payments will be made directly to landlords on behalf of renter households, with the renter household's verification

Outreach and Communications Plan



- Culturally competent messaging; multiple languages (Amharic, Arabic, English, Spanish)
- Multiple formats including social media
- Communications with property owners/landlords
- Activate informal network of community leaders
- Outreach or other communication/handout in conjunction with any planned community events
- Outreach to underserved populations, including small Landlords and undocumented Alexandrians

Timeline



- Program opens this week
- Tentative Initial Application deadline May 29th
- Rolling basis afterward based on availability of funds

Application Process



- Prescreening –
 - Community Partners
 - Alexandria 311 - <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Alex311>
 - Department of Community and Human Services
 - Office of Housing
 - 703-746-4311

- On line application
 - <https://alex311.force.com/customer/request/DOHRAMPI/location>

- Application – Office of Housing and Partners

Contact Information



- Alexandria 311- <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Alex311>
- [alexandriava.gov/housing](https://www.alexandriava.gov/housing)
- COVID-19 Emergency Rent Relief Assistance Program Web page
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