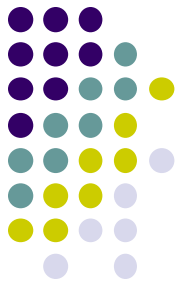


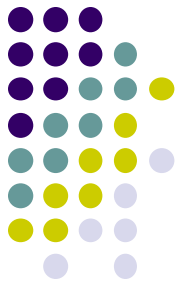


Housing Counseling Services, Inc. Homelessness Prevention Programs



Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

- Funded by the D.C. Department of Human Services (DHS)
- 7 agencies** (Housing Counseling Services, The Community Partnership, The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, The Greater Washington Urban League, Latino Economic Development Center, Core DC, LLC)
- Can apply for assistance with rental arrearages (incl. late fees and court costs) and security deposit/first month's rent
- Applications must be submitted via the ERAP portal
 - online <https://erap.dhs.dc.gov/>
 - ERAP city-wide call center (202) 507-6666
- Portal is only open once every quarter
 - next opening is 1/1/24 at 12:00AM
 - max applications will be 3500; once reached the portal will close



Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

-Income Limits

- maximum 40% AMI (area median income)
- based on household size

-Eligibility Amounts

- based on the Fair Market Rate (FMR)
- calculated by bedroom size and zip code
- 5x FMR (7x FMR with proof of disability or family with 7 or more members)

--<https://erap.dhs.dc.gov/> (under the FAQs you will find the income and FMR charts)

-Case Management

-Renters Increasing Stability through Engagement (RISE) program

- main goal is to work with applicants who owe more than ERAP can pay
- will work with applicants on negotiating payment plans and forgiveness discussions with landlords
- develop housing plans and budgets
- can also work with clients who apply through other HCS financial assistance programs

Metropolitan Housing Access Program (MHAP)

The D.C. Department of Health's HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration (HAHSTA) funds HCS to administer the MHAP Program as the Single Point of Entry for HOPWA and Ryan White-Part A services to assist individuals living with/impacted by HIV/AIDS.

The MHAP Program is responsible for various programs:

Financial Assistance

- > Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU)
- > BRIDGES Fund
- > Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) Program –funded through Ryan White-Part A

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Transitional Housing Programs

- > Transitional Opportunity Program (TOP)
- > Senior Transitional Opportunity Program (STOP)
- > Homes For Hope
- > Community Life Services- Milestone

Innovative Housing Programs

- > Housing Independence Through Employment Program (HITE)
- > Sustainable Housing Assistance Rental Program (SHARP)

Support Services

- > Housing Case Management
- > Housing Information and Referral Services (HIRS)

Access the HOPWA Program Services Referral Form at:

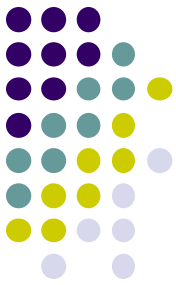
<https://housingetc.tfaforms.net/54>

To Contact the MHAP Program:

Telephone: 202-667-2681

Email: mhap@housingetc.org

Website: www.housingetc.org



Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) funds Housing Counseling Services (HCS) to administer the SSVF Program to serve very low-income Veterans who are homeless or face potential homelessness.

The SSVF Program provides the following:

Case Management Services which include:

- Household needs assessment
- Individualized housing stability plan
- Intensive collaboration with clients to ensure progress from entry until exit from the program

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

- TFA is only provided in conjunction with case management
- **Eligible TFA assistance includes:**
 - Rental Arrears
 - Security Deposit/1st Month's Rent
 - Utility Deposit and Arrears
 - Moving Costs
 - Transportation
 - General Housing Stability Assistance

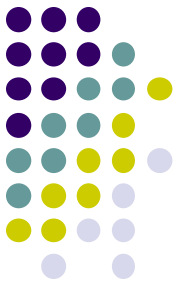
SSVF Applicant Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a Veteran who served active duty in the U.S. military
- Applicant must reside in the HCS SSVF Service area (D.C., Prince George's County, Montgomery County, Fairfax County, Arlington County, and City of Alexandria)
- Applicant must be currently homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Applicant's income must be at or below 80% Area Median Income (AMI)

To Contact HCS' SSVF Program:

Telephone: (202) 667-7366

Email: ssvfprogram@housingetc.org



Veterans Flex Fund Program



- for Veterans needing financial assistance to resolve or prevent homelessness
- designed to be a low barrier program
- limited funds available; DC residents can apply directly through HCS or through case managers/social workers
 - <https://housingetc.org/flex-fund-program/> (contains links to the application and the release forms)
- basic eligibility
 - Veteran must have served active duty in the military
 - Veteran must live in D.C.
 - Veteran must be homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - the requested financial assistance must be connected to preventing or resolving homelessness
- can assist with security deposit, first month's rent, rental application and holding fees, rental delinquency, mortgage delinquency, and transportation related costs. Requests for other types of financial assistance can be considered for Flex Fund assistance if the application can clearly demonstrate that the assistance will result in resolving or preventing homelessness.
- maximum assistance available is \$5000



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