

Struggling to Pay Your Rent due to COVID-19?

You may be eligible for financial assistance through the Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program.

Virginia Housing is now administering relief for renters experiencing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (RMRP). Through this new state program, you can apply (or your landlord may apply on your behalf) to receive funds to pay delinquent rental payments dating as far back as April 1, 2020, to current payments due.

Eligibility

RMRP will provide financial help on behalf of renters who meet the following criteria:

- ▶ Have a valid lease in their name or other documentation confirming the landlord-tenant relationship.
- ▶ Have a rent amount that is at or below 150% Fair Market Rent.
- ▶ Have a gross household income at or below 80% area median income (based on current month's income).
- ▶ Have experienced a loss of income due to the coronavirus pandemic, for example:
 - Being laid off.
 - Place of employment has closed.
 - Reduction in hours of work.
 - Loss of spousal/child support.
 - Inability to find work due to COVID-19.
 - Having to stay home with children due to closure of day care/school.
 - Unwilling or unable to participate in previous employment due to the workplace's high risk of severe illness from COVID-19.
- ▶ **Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on Nov. 15, 2020. Funds are limited, so apply soon.**

Required documentation

You'll need the following as proof of eligibility:

- ▶ Proof of income (pay stubs, bank statements, letter from employer, social security documents, pension).
- ▶ Valid lease or other documentation confirming the landlord-tenant relationship.



Learn More & Apply:

- ▶ **Your landlord may be able to apply on your behalf.** Contact your landlord for information.
- ▶ **Or, apply for yourself. Get started on DHCD's website:** dhcd.virginia.gov/RMRP

Funding for RMRP is made available through Virginia's allocation of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and is administered through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The funds will be available through Dec. 30, 2020 or until the money has been expended. Interested applicants will work directly with grantees throughout Virginia to complete applications and process payments. Virginia Housing is the grantee for landlord-initiated applicants.

