



# Rhode Island Department of Human Services

## Housing Stability Pilot

### What is the Housing Stability Pilot?

The DHS Housing Stability Pilot (HSP) provides nonrecurrent, short-term financial benefits, designed to assist eligible families resolving a specific housing crisis and maintain housing stability. The HSP does not provide case management and is dependent on case managers from several agencies to complete the application and collect verifications. In order to be eligible, families must provide information to determine eligibility, including but not limited to their current housing crisis, the amount of assistance required to resolve the crisis, and evidence that they can maintain housing stability. Submitted documents are reviewed to determine eligibility and confirm short-term assistance would resolve the housing crisis.

### Do I Qualify for the Housing Stability Pilot?

To determine eligibility, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must have a minor dependent in the household, or be a pregnant person, or be 24 years of age and younger.
- Must be a citizen or an eligible non-citizen based on the federal definition.
- The total household income must be at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Line.
- The household must demonstrate an inability to resolve the problem without assistance.
- Must be a current resident of the State of Rhode Island.
- Must provide documented proof of current housing crisis, defined by a possible eviction or currently experiencing homelessness.
- Must demonstrate the ability to sustain housing after assistance is provided to resolve the crisis. This is defined as the ability to support the cost of the housing based on household income.
- Assistance may only be made to households once within a 12-month period from the date of the last payment.

### What Does the Housing Stability Pilot Provide?

If determined eligible due to a housing crisis, short-term financial assistance may be provided to assist with the following:

- Apartment rental move-in costs (security deposit, first month's rent, application fee, holding fee).
- Rental or mortgage arrears.
- If you are found eligible and receive funding for one of the above categories, you may also be provided with other assistance towards household expenses, such as heating grants, that would support a stability plan to maintain housing.

### How Do I Apply?

Families can apply for HSP in several ways. If your family is already connected with a case manager from any organization within the State of Rhode Island, you can ask the case manager if they can submit an application packet to DHS. Or you can call (401) 462-7952 and leave a message with your contact information stating your interest in HSP. You will get a return phone call providing options for submitting a packet.

### Anything Else I Should Know?

Verification will need to be provided confirming your specific housing crisis may result in eviction or necessitate moving assistance. Your application for HSP will be use information from any DHS program you may be enrolled in. Any verification provided to HSP will be used to update your case for other DHS programs.

### Have More Questions?

Visit our website: [www.dhs.ri.gov](http://www.dhs.ri.gov)

Call: 1-855-MY-RIDHS (1-855-697-4347) Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, except holidays, from 8:30AM-3:00PM

Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Customer Service: 1-888-979-9939

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