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## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### Are you struggling to pay rent, facing eviction or experiencing homelessness?

The Community Schools Rental Assistance Program provides families and students enrolled in community schools with emergency financial assistance if they are at risk of eviction, losing housing, or are already homeless and need help securing a new rental unit.

#### HOW CAN THIS PROGRAM HELP ME?

The Community Schools Rental Assistance Program can help eligible families:

- Pay overdue rent and utility bills, including late fees and court fees associated with eviction filings
- Relocate and pay new rental unit lease-up costs such as security deposit, first month's rent, utility deposit, and future rent and utility assistance to secure new housing

#### WHO QUALIFIES FOR ASSISTANCE?

To qualify you must:

- Have a student currently enrolled in a Community School residing in your household
- Have a student enrolled in a community school in one of the following counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Frederick County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Wicomico County, Washington County
- Be renting a housing unit or trying to lease a new rental unit (homeowners are not eligible for assistance)
- Be experiencing housing instability, such as homelessness, at risk of eviction, utility shut off, or be behind in paying rent or utilities

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

Families can apply for assistance through the community organization operating the program in the county where the student is enrolled in school. To find out if your student is enrolled in an eligible school or where you can apply for assistance, visit the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's website below:

#### For More Information, Visit the Website:

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/HomelessSolutions/Pages/Community-Schools.aspx>



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