Struggling to pay your rent during the COVID-19 pandemic? The Virginia Rent Relief Program may be able to help

Virginia is administering relief for renters experiencing a negative financial impact during the COVID-19 pandemic through the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP). Through this state program, you can apply (or your landlord may apply on your behalf) to receive funds to pay delinquent rent payments back to April 1, 2020, and up to three future months of payments to maintain housing stability. The total payments may not exceed 18 months of rental assistance per household. Apply now at GetGov2go.com.

### Eligibility
The Virginia RRP will provide financial help on behalf of renters who meet the following criteria:

- Have a rent amount that is at or below **150% Fair Market Rent**
- Have a gross household income at or below **80% of the area median income**
- Have experienced financial hardship during COVID-19, including but not limited to:
  - Being laid off
  - Place of employment has closed
  - Reduction in hours of work
  - Loss of spousal/child support
  - Inability to find work
  - Having to stay home with children due to distance learning / closure of day care or school
  - Increase in expenses such as child care, medical bills, etc.
  - Unwilling or unable to participate in previous employment due to the workplace’s risk of illness from COVID-19

### Required documents
You’ll need the following as proof of eligibility:

- Proof of income (for example: pay stubs, bank statements, letter from employer, Social Security documents, pension)*
- Valid lease or other documentation of landlord-tenant relationship
- Rent ledger (landlord provides)
- Completed application and agreements
- Virginia W-9

### Learn More & Apply:
Visit our website: GetGov2go.com

Or email us at: rrp@dhcd.virginia.gov

*This is not a requirement for specific benefit assistance recipients and/or applicants who live in designated high eviction zip codes.

The Virginia Rent Relief Program is administered through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. For more information, visit dhcd.virginia.gov/rrp.

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