

Now Accepting Applications for Dutchess County Emergency Rent Relief Funds

How to Apply

Deadline to Apply: February 1, 2021

Apply Now Online: <http://bit.ly/3rgV6AJ>

Applications may also be downloaded and submitted to Hudson River Housing's offices at 313 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie NY 12601 M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm or through the mail slot in the back door after hours, or via mail to the same address.

Download Application: <https://bit.ly/2M41s6p>

Program & Eligibility Information

This program will assist at least 25 households by paying rent arrears in order to maintain their housing, or by providing rental assistance to move into new permanent housing. Funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance funds currently available* is provided under the CARES ACT by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and has the following eligibility criteria:

1. Current legal permanent resident of Dutchess County who is at risk of homelessness and lacks sufficient resources or support networks to prevent them from becoming homeless
2. Household income of 50% or below of Area Median Income by household size (please see income limits chart below)
3. Household is at imminent risk of losing their housing within 14 days of filing application due to rent arrears OR

Household faces other risk factors such as living in overcrowded housing, living in unstable housing, or exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care (full list is included in the program application) OR

Household is made up of unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who:

- (i) are defined as homeless under federal statutes other than HUD; and
- (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; and

(iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and

(iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers.

Household income limits (based on 50% AMI in Dutchess County - 2020 Data)

1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
\$ 35,850	\$ 40,950	\$ 46,050	\$ 51,150	\$ 55,250	\$ 59,350	\$ 63,450	\$ 67,550

In addition to the above, please note:

- Funds to prevent eviction for non-payment of rent will only be available if there are no eviction moratoria in place.
- This program can only provide assistance if rent meets HUD standards for rent reasonableness and housing habitability.
- Funding can be used to pay rent arrears (up to six months) as well as future rent payments (up to three months).
- Rental assistance payments will be made directly to landlords or housing providers.
- If funding is sought to retain current housing, the landlord must be willing to submit an affidavit affirming that the household's tenancy will be maintained upon receipt of payment. The affidavit does NOT need to be submitted with the application.
- Applicants must be willing to work with Hudson River Housing staff in assessing their eligibility and the level of assistance to be provided. Assistance will be limited to no more than the amount needed for the household to sustain housing or obtain housing based on their budget.
- Recipients of funding must be willing to work with a housing counselor to ensure future housing stability.
- Hudson River Housing staff will offer help to households to ensure their future housing stability.
- Your application is not a guarantee of funding assistance.

Lottery & Screening

All complete applications submitted by the deadline will be entered into a lottery to take place on February 5th. Applicants will be screened for funding based on the order in which they are selected in the lottery.

HRH staff will be contacting applicants to verify eligibility and secure any additional required documentation by February 12th or until the available funding is fully exhausted.

*If you do not meet eligibility requirements or currently available Hudson River Housing Emergency Rent Relief funds have been fully exhausted, you will be notified and your application will be retained on file, if you so choose, for potential future rent relief funds.

Hudson River Housing may have other resources from private and public sources available to assist you. All those in need of assistance are encouraged to apply so we can assess your eligibility for any assistance available in the future.