

Emergency Monthly Housing Payments

Emergency Monthly Housing Payment Program is an activity to prevent a household's inability to pay housing related costs from becoming a crisis, such as eviction, foreclosure or utility disconnection. EmHp will assist Low-Moderate Income (LMI) households experiencing undue hardship and threatened with homelessness due to utility disconnection and/or evictions (for mortgage/rent arrearages). EmHp will assist individuals/families who are currently homeless or living in transitional housing/shelters to move into permanent housing. Through this activity, assistance will be provided on behalf of the eligible household, in the form of a grant to providers of such items or services as rent, security deposits, mortgage payments and utility payments.

This activity will assist in alleviating homelessness to LMI households or for the homeless to move into permanent housing. This could encompass homeless individuals/families who are moving from transitional housing, shelters or the streets.

Eligibility:

- Must be an "owner-occupant" or "renter-occupant" of a single-family or multi-family dwelling unit (including industrialized/modular units and manufactured units commonly referred to as "mobile homes") or become an "owner-occupant" or "renter-occupant" of a single-family or multi-family dwelling as a result of the EmHp assistance.
- Must have a total household income at or below 80% of UD Section 8 median family income limited (based on household size).
- Must be experiencing undue financial hardship that may result in utility disconnection, eviction or foreclosure OR be homeless moving from transitional housing to permanent housing.

Use of Funds:

- Rent
- Security Deposits
- Mortgage Payments
- Utility Payments

Amount of assistance is determined based on the applicant's income and current hardship situation. Once assistance has been approved/determined, the grantee will issue a check to the client's collector. The check will be made payable to the collector; utility company, bank or mortgage company or rental agent to ensure that the funds are used as intended.

Applicants will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis when it can be demonstrated that assistance is needed for the client to maintain utility connections or to remain living in the home without risk of eviction/foreclosure. If the applicant is homeless and security deposits are needed to move the applicant into permanent housing, this must be demonstrated.

Assistance is available one-time during the term of the grant.