

# Struggling to pay rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

The Virginia Rent Relief Program may be able to help.



## Apply to receive funds to pay:

- Delinquent rent payments, late fees, and court costs back to April 1, 2020.
- Up to three months of payments into the future to maintain housing stability.

Virginia is administering relief for renters experiencing a negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP). You can now apply through

**FAMILY CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES 615 KENTUCKY AVE. NORTON, VA 276-325-0471**

Staff will assist in completing the online RRP application and obtaining the needed documentation. The total payments may not exceed 18 months of rental assistance per household.

## Eligibility

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



- Have a valid lease agreement and live in the unit at time of application
- 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 a financial hardship directly or indirectly due to the COVID-19 pandemic including:
  - Increase in expenses due to COVID-19, such as child care, medical bills, food cost, & utility bills.
  - Laid off.
  - Place of employment closed.
  - Reduction in hours of work.
  - Reduction or elimination of child or spousal support.
  - Inability to find work due to COVID-19.
  - Having to stay home with children due to distance learning / closure of day care or school.
  - Unwilling or unable to participate in previous employment due to the workplace's risk of illness from COVID-19.
  - Not able to work and/or missed hours due to contracting, being exposed, or having to quarantine due to COVID-19.

## How to Apply

CALL  FAMILY CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES AT 276-325-0471, 

The Virginia Rent Relief Program is administered through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Virginia Housing is the grantee for landlord-initiated applicants.