

Minneapolis Gap Funds for Housing

Apply Wednesday April 22 through Monday April 27

There are two programs available:

1. For the **Emergency Housing Assistance program**, eligible recipients must live in Minneapolis, have experienced significant income loss due to COVID-19, and have incomes that fall below 30 percent of the area median income (AMI), which is determined by household size. For a family of four, the income cap is \$30,000.

Each household is eligible to receive up to \$1,500 from the program, or up to \$2,000 for households facing extreme circumstances. The funding can cover rent payments, rent that's overdue, rent that's due within 15 days, or utilities. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility companies.

2. **Stable Homes Stable Schools' Housing Stability Fund** assists families experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Eligible families may receive \$1,500 from the fund, or up to \$2,000 for extraordinary circumstances. The income cap is 50 percent of AMI—or \$50,000 for a family of four. Applicants must have at least one child enrolled in one of Minneapolis's elementary schools.

Applications will be accepted 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 22 through noon Monday, April 27.

On-line applications: applicants are encouraged to apply online through the web-based portal, that can be accessed from a mobile device and is accessible in English, Spanish, Hmong, Somali, and Oromo.

A link to the online application will be available at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 22 at this web page:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/gap-funding>

Application by phone: applicants can also apply by calling the Tenant Resource Center and leaving a voice mail message. The Tenant Resource Center phone number is **612-302-3129**. Callers will need to leave a voice mail message. An intake worker will return the voice mail message within 3 days.

What documents do I need?

Information that applicants will need to have available to apply:

- Annual household gross income (before taxes) for May 2019 through April 2020
- Current monthly household gross income
- Amount of household income lost due to COVID-19 (EHA program)
- Amount of assistance needed to solve household's current housing emergency
- Whether one or more children in the household are currently enrolled in a Minneapolis Public School elementary school. If yes, the name of the school (SHSS program).

Please note: Immigration or documentation status does not affect eligibility.

For both programs, community partner organizations or MPHA will need to contact rental property owners for W9s and payment information, including owners of licensed rental property and individual homes where a room is rented to an applicant.