



Goal: Keeping families housed.

About: Rental Assistance program is an income-based program aimed at helping Orange County’s most vulnerable tenants by providing financial assistance to tenants who are past-due in rent as a result of financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding Availability: The funding made available under this program will be used to make direct payments to landlords on behalf of qualifying tenants. Such payments shall:

- Cover a tenant’s documented past-due rent only within the past two months.
- Assistance is limited to three months of assistance with only two months of arrears.
- Shall not be duplicative of any additional rental assistance received by the tenant or the landlord for the tenant’s past-due rent.

Tenant Eligibility: This program is available to tenants who meet all of the following criteria and requirements:

- They are behind in rent for at least one month.
- They meet the program’s residency and location requirements (Primary residence is in Orange County).
- Their household income does not exceed 50 percent of Area Median Income (see: “Income Requirements” below).
- Due to COVID-19, they, or an adult member of their household, qualified for unemployment, had a reduction in household income, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- Currently receiving income, has a hire letter with start date, or just hired.
- They agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this program, including the submission of any documentation requested by the agency to confirm and verify the program application.
- Room rentals in homeowner occupied or homestead property are not eligible.
- Landlords must be willing to accept payment on tenant behalf and agree to program guidelines. (Information will be provided at intake).

Persons in Household	30% of AMI	50% of AMI
1	\$16,050	\$26,750
2	\$18,350	\$30,550
3	\$20,650	\$34,350
4	\$22,900	\$38,150
5	\$24,750	\$41,250
6	\$26,600	\$44,300
7	\$28,400	\$47,350
8	\$30,250	\$50,400