



CITY OF MIRAMAR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the purpose of this program?

A. This program provides one-time funding for eligible applicants to obtain safe, decent and affordable rental housing.

Q. Who is eligible to apply for the Rental Assistance Program?

A. Qualified very-low, low and moderate income residents who wish to live in the City of Miramar. Please see current income guidelines chart attached with this document. Also attached are the maximum allowed rent by income and family size.

Q. What conditions must have occurred for to be considered for this program?

A. 1) Recent foreclosure or loss of home in the city of Miramar.
2) Applicant requires assistance to pay the required deposit (first and last month's rent) of unit.

Q. How can someone apply for the Rental Assistance Program?

A. The tenant must have written approval to rent a property in a rental community. They can then come to the offices of Community Redevelopment Associates of Florida, 8569 Pines Blvd, Suite 201. Pembroke Pines. Phone: 954-431-7866. The office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30a.m. -5:00 p.m. and is closed from 12:30 -1:30p.m. for lunch. It is suggested that the application be submitted 60 days before the planned occupancy of the rental property.

Q. How much money is available for each applicant?

A. The City will assist with a maximum of \$3,000.00 for the first and/or last month's rent as part of the down payment cost of a rental unit.

Q. How many times can an applicant receive assistance?

A. Only once.

Q. Can someone apply for the program prior to finding a rental unit?

A. NO. Rental Assistance Program applicants must bring written approval showing they have applied and been approved to rent a particular property. The approval letter must state the rent amount of the unit. It is suggested that the application be submitted 60 days before the planned occupancy of the rental property.

Q. How much income can an applicant make?

A. The program is open to persons of Very Low Income (VLI), Low Income (LI) and Moderate Income (MI) who wish to reside in Miramar. Income limits are based on income and family size. The income guidelines chart is attached. **Priority** is given to persons displaced by recent foreclosure.

Q. Can an applicant rent from a friend or family member?

A. Assistance will only be provided to applicants qualifying with residential apartment owners with buildings that have four or more units.

Q. What happens if the tenant/applicant moves or breaks the lease/rental agreement? Can the tenant/applicant receive a refund?

A. NO. Funds are never given to the applicant directly. The applicant does not receive a refund when moving from the property.

Q. Does the applicant have to repay the Rental Assistance Program funds?

A. NO. The funds are part of the City's effort to assist with housing affordability and community stability. No repayment of assistance will be required by the City unless it is determined that fraudulent information was provided to obtain assistance.

Q. What kinds of housing units can be rented?

A. Apartments only.

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2009 Income Limits Chart Adjusted to Household Size Effective March 19, 2009

Number of persons in household

AMI	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30%	16,050	18,350	20,650	22,950	24,800	26,600	28,450	30,300
50%	26,800	30,600	34,450	38,250	41,300	44,350	47,450	50,500
80%	42,850	48,950	55,100	61,200	66,100	71,000	75,900	80,800
120%	64,320	73,440	82,680	91,800	99,120	106,440	113,880	121,200

Maximum Rents by Number of Bedrooms in Unit Based on Income Limits

AMI	0	1	2	3	4
30%	401	430	516	596	665
50%	670	717	861	994	1,108
80%	1,071	1,147	1,377	1,591	1,775
120%	1,608	1,722	2,067	2,386	2,661

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