

Rental Allowance Program (RAP) Fact Sheet 2010

Purpose of Program

The purpose of the Rental Allowance Program (RAP) is to provide grants to local governments to provide flat rent subsidies to low-income families who either are homeless or have an emergency housing need. The goal of the program is to enable these households to move from homelessness or temporary emergency housing into more permanent housing and to return to self-sufficiency.

Eligible Types of Housing

Eligible housing can include rooms, boarding house rooms, other single-room occupancy arrangements, apartments, group homes, transitional housing (provided it is not temporary emergency housing), single-family houses, and mobile homes. Kitchen and bathroom facilities may be in common, shared, or independent. Motel and hotel rooms without access to kitchen facilities may be permitted if not other more cost-effective and suitable housing is available. Living facilities may be shared with other persons, including other program recipients. Housing may be furnished or unfurnished.

Eligible Applicants

Counties, Baltimore City, and Annapolis may apply directly to CDA for program funds and may administer the processing of applications made by eligible residents for rent subsidies. CDA may administer the program directly where no local government is administering the program.

Low-income families may apply directly to the local administering agency for rent subsidies.

Eligible Residents

Eligible residents are low-income families who are homeless, in danger of becoming homeless, or in need of emergency housing. Incomes of assisted households cannot exceed 30 percent of the statewide or area median income, whichever is higher.

Subsidy Term

This is a rent subsidy program. Local government administering agencies sign a contract with eligible residents to provide a monthly rental allowance payment for up to 12 months. Local programs may also provide additional services such as housing counseling, credit counseling, individual case management programs, etc. to help the family maintain housing stability.

The amount of monthly rental allowance payments is based on family size and area of the state. The payment amount may be increased or decreased by up to 10 percent in the exercise of reasonable discretion by a local jurisdiction.

Monthly Rental Allowance Payments by Household Size & County .

* - Includes Annapolis City, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties.

** - Includes Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's and Talbot Counties.

*** - Includes Allegany, Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Somerset, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

Local Government Involvement

County governments, Baltimore City, and Annapolis administer RAP by accepting applications from eligible residents, coordinating the program with other social services administered by the county, and providing staff links with CDA to ensure program requirements are being met. RAP is usually administered by the local social services office, the Section 8 agency (public housing authority), or is contracted by the county to a private nonprofit organization for administration.

RAP Contact List - Local Administering Agencies(LAA)

County	Office Address	Contact Person & Telephone Number
ALLEGANY	Allegany Co. Dept. of Community Services 30 Rear Washington Street Cumberland, MD 21502	Joyce Race, Housing Officer (301) 777-2372 (301) 777-2372 (301) 777-2126 FAX
	Dept. of Planning & Zoning City of Annapolis 160 Duke of Gloucester Street Annapolis, MD 21401	Theresa Wellman, Chief of Community Development (410) 263-7961 (410) 263-7961 (410) 268-0122 FAX
ANNAPOLIS CITY	Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency Inc. 251 West Street P.O. Box 1951 Annapolis, MD 21401 (service provider)	Brian Angus, Chief Executive Director (410) 626-1900 (410) 626-1900 (410) 295-5052 FAX

ANNE ARUNDEL	Anne Arundel Housing Commission P.O. Box 817 7477 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. Glen Burnie, MD 21201	Cliff Martin, Executive Director Caroline Ensey, RAP (410) 222-6200 (410) 222-6200 (410) 222-6214 (410) 222-6214
BALTIMORE CITY	Housing Authority of Baltimore City Dept. of Rental and Assisted Housing 1221 W. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21223	Corliss Alston Zachary Parker (443) 984-2222 (443) 984-2222 (410) 361-9616 FAX
BALTIMORE CITY (RAP to Work Program)	Baltimore City Dept. of Social Services 2000 N. Broadway Baltimore, MD 21213	Frank Williams (443) 423-6001 (443) 423-6001 (443) 423-6002 FAX
BALTIMORE	Office of Community Conservation 2nd Floor Marcia Poag – 410-887-3937 410-887-3937 6401 York Road Baltimore, MD 21212	Baltimore County Dept. of Social Services 410-853-3000 410-853-3000 Option 2 Please Note: To be eligible you must be homeless and in a County Shelter
CALVERT	Housing Authority of Calvert County 480 Main Street P.O. Box 2509 Prince Frederick, MD 20678-2509	Wayne Boyle, Executive Director Shawn Esterly, RAP (410) 535-5010 (410) 535-5010 (410) 535-4286 FAX
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	Human Services Programs 10 Distillery Drive Westminster, MD 21157 (in-take & case management)	Rebecca Wagner, RAP (410) 857-2999 (410) 857-2999 (410) 857-8793 FAX
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CHARLES	Dept. of Community Services Housing & Community Services Div. 8190 Port Tobacco Road Port Tobacco, MD 20677	Karen Lehman Cieplak, Acting Director Rita Wood, Chief Housing Div. (301) 934-9305 (301) 934-5624 FAX	(301) 934-9305
DORCHESTER	Dorchester Community Dev. Corp. 435 High Street Cambridge, MD 21613	Nancy Shockley, Director Rosetta Brown (410)-901-2991 (410) 228-4531 FAX	(410)-901-2991
FREDERICK	Dept. of Housing & Community Dev. of Frederick County 520 Market Street Frederick, MD 21701	Jenny Short, Director (301)-631-3530 (301) 631-3585 FAX	(301)-631-3530
	Department of Social Services (referrals and case management)	Colleen Lewis 301-631-2619	301-631-2619
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HOWARD	Community Action Council of Howard County (service provider) 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive Columbia, MD 21046	(410) 313-6479 (410) 313-6596 FAX	(410) 313-6479

KENT	Kent County Dept. of Social Services Post Office Box 670 Chestertown, MD 21620	Stephen Sturgill, Director (410) 810-7609 (410) 810-7609 (410) 778-1497 FAX
MONTGOMERY	Housing Opportunities Commission 10400 Detrick Avenue Kensington, MD 20895	Ms. Rita H. Harris (240) 773-9335 (240) 773-9335 (301) 929-1229 FAX
PRINCE GEORGE'S	Dept. of Housing & Community Dev. 9400 Peppercorn Place, Suite 200 Largo, MD 20774	Ms. Eunice Belu-John (301) 883-5512 (301) 883-5512 (301) 883-5427 FAX
QUEEN ANNE'S	Queen Anne's County Community Dev. Post Office Box 327 1935 4-H Park Road Centreville, MD 21617	Peter Scanlon, Director (410) 758-3977 (410) 758-3977 Jack Dadds, Jr. Housing Manager (410) 827-6818 (410) 827-6818 (410) 758-0566 FAX
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ST. MARY'S	Housing Authority of St. Mary's County 21155 Lexwood Drive, Suite C Lexington Park, Maryland 20653	Dennis Nicholson, Executive Director Tomica Scriber (301) 866-6590 (301) 866-6590 Ext. 1427 (301) 737-7929 FAX
TALBOT	Neighborhood Service Center 126 Port Street Easton, MD 21601	Sandra Redd, Executive Director (410) 822-5015 (410) 822-5015 (410) 822-4594 FAX 822-4594 FAX
WASHINGTON	Washington Co. Community Action Council, Inc. 101 Summit Avenue Hagerstown, MD 21740	David G. Jordan, Exec. Director Sherry L. Neil, Deputy Director (301) 797-4161 (301) 797-4161 (301) 791-9062 FAX

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WORCESTER	Dept. of Social Services of Worcester Co. 299 Commerce Street P.O. Box 39 Snow Hill, MD 21863	Paula Erdie Director Mary Beth Quillen (410) 677-6800 (410) 677-6800 (410) 677-6810 (FAX)

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