

Security Deposit & First Month Rent Assistance

Program Overview

Financial assistance for security deposit and/or first month's rent payments when moving into a new rental property in Monmouth County.

What's Covered

- Security deposit payments
- First month's rent payments
- Both security deposit and first month's rent (combined, up to maximum)

Eligibility Requirements

You must meet ALL of the following:

- Moving into a Monmouth County address
- Already have the rental property secured (lease signed or approved)
- Household income less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Able to provide all requested documentation by the due date

Who Is NOT Eligible

You cannot receive assistance if:

- You've received AHA assistance within the last 24 months (2 years)
- You owe more than \$6,000, unless you provide verified funding for the difference



Award Amount

Maximum: \$6,000 per household every 2 years (24 months)

If you need more than \$6,000:

- You must secure verified funding from another source to cover the difference
- You must provide proof of this funding before approval

Example: Need \$7,000 total → AHA pays \$6,000 + You provide verified funding for \$1,000

Frequency Restrictions

- Assistance available once every 12 months
- Applies to all AHA programs
- Even if you receive less than the maximum, you cannot reapply within 12 months

Required Documents

Identification (All Household Members)

- Social Security Card for everyone
- Photo ID for adults 18+ (current address, not expired)
- Birth Certificate for children under 18

Income (All Adults 18+)

- [Proof of Income: Documents showing all income received during the 3 months before you applied \(pay stubs, benefit statements, etc.\) — See details \[HERE\]\(#\)](#)
- OR [Affidavit of No Income if you have no income — Get form \[HERE\]\(#\)](#)

Housing Documents

- Signed lease or proof of approved rental application
- Landlord contact information (email preferred, phone acceptable)
 - **Let your landlord know to expect an email from AHA**



Additional Documents

- Section 8 or rental subsidy letter (or notify us if you don't have one)
- Current SNAP or benefits documents (or notify us if you don't receive benefits)
- Proof of verified funding if you need more than \$6,000

Application Process

1. Secure your rental property (lease signed or application approved)
2. Complete prescreen
3. Submit application with all required documents by due date
4. Income verification review (must be under 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines)
5. If total need exceeds \$6,000, secure and provide proof of verified funding
6. File presented for approval
7. If approved, payment will be issued via Check

Important Notice

False or misleading information will result in automatic application denial.

Questions?

Contact us at capdocs@housingall.org

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Program Goal: Assistance to help you secure stable housing in Monmouth County.