

# Struggling to pay rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

The Virginia Rent Relief Program may be able to help.



## Apply to receive funds to pay:

- Delinquent rent payments, late fees, and court costs back to April 1, 2020.
- Up to three months of payments into the future to maintain housing stability.

Virginia is administering relief for renters experiencing a negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP). You can now apply through

### Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society

Staff will assist in completing the online RRP application and obtaining the needed documentation. The total payments may not exceed 15 months of rental assistance per household.

## Eligibility

The Virginia RRP will provide financial help on behalf of renters who meet the following criteria:



- ☒ Have a valid lease agreement and live in the unit at time of application
- ☒ Have a rent amount that is at or below **150% Fair Market Rent**
- ☒ Have a gross household income at or below **80% of the area median income**
- ☒ Have experienced a financial hardship directly or indirectly due to the COVID-19 pandemic including:
  - Increase in expenses due to COVID-19, such as child care, medical bills, food cost, & utility bills.
  - Laid off.
  - Place of employment closed.
  - Reduction in hours of work.
  - Reduction or elimination of child or spousal support.
  - Inability to find work due to COVID-19.
  - Having to stay home with children due to distance learning / closure of day care or school.
  - Unwilling or unable to participate in previous employment due to the workplace's risk of illness from COVID-19.
  - Not able to work and/or missed hours due to contracting, being exposed, or having to quarantine due to COVID-19.

## How to Apply

Contact Laurie Sallee, RRP Application Manager at Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society by calling (540) 267-1329 or sending an email to [Lsallee@svlas.org](mailto:Lsallee@svlas.org).