

Rental Allowance Program Guidelines

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The Rental Allowance program (RAP) provides monthly rental allowance payments on a short-term basis to low-income persons and households that have critical and emergency housing needs.

Applicant Eligibility

- The Department of Community Services determines the eligibility and priority of recipients for RAP. Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the program.
- Eligible applicants must show proof of a critical/emergency housing need and be able to return to long-term housing self-sufficiency following a short-term period of RAP subsidy payments.
- Applicants must have a demonstrated history of Charles County residency.
- RAP maximum income limits are as follows:

Household Income	Max Income
1 Person	\$20,650
2 Persons	\$23,600
3 Persons	\$26,550
4 Persons	\$29,500

Household Income	Max Income
5 Persons	\$31,850
6 Persons	\$34,200
7 Persons	\$36,600
8 Persons	\$38,950

- **Applications can be obtained by contacting the Department of Community Services.**

Eligible Types of Housing

Housing may be virtually any type of housing unit. This can include rooms, boarding house rooms, or other single room occupancy arrangements, apartments, group homes, single-family dwellings, or mobile homes. Kitchen and sanitary facilities may be in a common shared, or independent area. The landlord must be willing to participate in the program, and all housing units must comply with minimum rental housing standards during the term of the RAP payments.

RAP Payment Amounts

RAP payments are established by the State based on household size as follows:

Household Size	Monthly Payment Amount
1-2 Persons	\$460
3-4 Persons	\$490
5+ Persons.....	\$730

**For more information on the RAP program,
please call 301-934-9305 or
301-870-3388, ext 5112
E-mail: webmail@charlescounty.org**



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Vision Statement – Charles County is a place where all people thrive and businesses grow and prosper; where the preservation of our heritage and environment is paramount; where government services to its citizens are provided at the highest level of excellence; and where the quality of life is the best in the nation.

Americans With Disabilities – The Department of Community Services welcomes the participation of individuals with disabilities. As with all county government, we comply fully with the Americans With Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations to encourage involvement. If you require special assistance and would like to participate in our programs, please contact the Department of Community Services.