

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA):

Funds will be used for barriers to housing that Veterans may experience and cannot be addressed by housing providers. This includes, but is not limited to, transportation, car repairs, application fees, renter's insurance, funds for household items/toiletries, pet food, birth certificates, legal fines/tickets, money for credit reports, air mattresses, utility deposits, security deposit/rent for those not eligible through SSVF/HUD VASH, etc.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Households with at least one Veteran residing there are eligible for ARPA financial assistance.
2. Veteran/family are experiencing a housing crisis (literally homeless or at-risk of homelessness).
3. Veteran/family is residing in Charlotte-Mecklenburg county.
4. Veteran/family has been screened/identified as having their housing crisis related to COVID-19 impacts.

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ARPA Funds and Other funding Sources

When applications have met approval criteria, payments are made to vendors, corporate entities, or providers directly. **No funds may go directly to the veteran applicant.** Determine best method of payment.

NOTES:

- Individuals referred for funds must meet the definition of a Veteran (defined as serving at least x1 day of active-duty service).
- Funding is available to all Veterans regardless of character of discharge.
- Eligible households who are approved for funding must have a sustainability plan for maintaining housing that addresses root causes for housing instability.
- Must be willing to sign a participation agreement for follow-up services (monthly light case mgmnt x180 days).
- A request for assistance can be made One time per calendar year. Housing navigators can decide on a case-by-case basis for further assistance throughout calendar year.
- Although there is no limit on amount received, estimated average amount given is approximately \$3,000 per Veteran household.