



How to Apply for Assistance from Ventura Homeless Prevention

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www.venturahomelessprevention.org.
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805-626-0363

Please make sure Ventura Homeless Prevention is the right agency to assist you:

Ventura Homeless Prevention exists to provide rental assistance for residents of the City of Ventura:

1. who need one-time, temporary help with their rent; and
 - a) do not qualify for help from the County's Homeless Prevention program; or
 - b) need just a few hundred dollars in temporary rent help.

If you live in a rented apartment or rented house for which you pay rent without help from a government agency and you need more than \$1000, you should find out if you are eligible for the County program at 805-385-1800 before requesting help from Ventura Homeless Prevention. The County program can provide larger dollar amounts and professional counseling above and beyond the level available from Ventura Homeless Prevention. Your using the county services, if you are eligible for them, will keep the money that Ventura Homeless Prevention has on hand available for those whom the county cannot help. You can reach out to the County program at 805-385-1800. Calls are returned by the next available social worker in the order that the calls were received, so it would be best to call right away if you want to access their help. Their flyer, which lists their requiremenets and services, is below.

Ventura Homeless Prevention will most likely be the correct rental assistance program for you if you live in

- a) subsidized housing through section 8 or the Housing Authority;
- b) a rented room in someone's home or a group home; or
- c) an RV, mobile home, or boat; or
- d) if you earn too much to qualify for the County program;
- e) if you need just a few hundred dollars;
- f) or if you are in the country without documentation.

To qualify for help from Ventura Homeless Prevention you must document that you meet the following three criteria:

1. You have been paying rent to live in the City of Ventura for at least the last ninety days;
2. You have had an unusual expense or temporary loss of pay that prevents you from paying your full rent yourself just this one month (you must document a loss of pay or additional expense or combination of the two that adds up to at least the amount of assistance you are requesting); and
3. You will be able to pay your rent yourself again after this one-time assistance of up to our absolute maximum of \$1,800.

If you believe that Ventura Homeless Prevention is the right program for you, and you meet the three criteria listed above, here's how to apply for assistance:

Send an email to venturahomelessprevention@gmail.com and provide the following information/documents. Please blackout any sensitive information such as your Social Security number or drivers license number before sending any documents.

Check off list (please include all of the following):

1. Name
2. Address
3. Month and Year you moved into your home
4. Phone number
5. Email
6. Number of people in your household; their names and ages
7. Dollar amount of your rent that you cannot pay yourself
8. Reason you cannot pay your full rent this month
9. How you will pay your rent in full next month
10. Dollar amount of total monthly household income and the source and amount of each part of it (include all sources of income, including amounts from food stamps, child support, etc.)
11. Total household monthly expenses
12. Contact information for your landlord or leasing agent

Please provide scans or photos of all of the following documents:

1. Your lease (at least the pages that show your address, move-in date, rent amount, and to whom/where your rent is paid);
2. Documents that provide evidence of the temporary problem(s) that have caused you to be unable to pay your rent (medical bill, loss of pay, car repair receipt, etc)
3. Current income statements or, if new job and no pay check yet received, letter from employer showing dollar amount to be received each month (or hourly pay and number of hours to be worked each week)
4. A budget (can be hand-written by you) that shows all monthly household income and all monthly household expenses, including amounts paid for rent, utilities, food, car payment, gasoline, auto insurance, cell phone/cable, medical, loans, etc.
5. Recent utility statement and other major bills

If you have questions, please send them via email or call us back at 805-626-0363.

You can also call 211 for additional referrals and for other types of assistance.

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HOMELESS? Or are you about to become homeless?

Rental Help is Available!

The **Ventura County Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program** (HPRP) makes funds available to local residents who are currently homeless or facing homelessness from rental housing within 21 days.

Basic Eligibility Criteria *

1. Homeless or facing homelessness within 21 days
2. Household income limit determined by family size - see chart below:

| Income Limits | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Family Size | 1 Person | 2 Persons | 3 Persons | 4 Persons | 5 Persons | 6 Persons | 7 Persons | 8 Persons |
| Program Household Income Limit | \$46,500 | \$53,150 | \$59,800 | \$66,400 | \$71,750 | \$77,050 | \$82,350 | \$87,650 |

3. Financially able to maintain housing after this rental assistance is received
4. Ventura County resident

* Additional eligibility criteria requirements will apply

Potential Assistance Available

Credit counseling • Financial assistance for past due rent • Security deposit and/or first month's rent
• Utility assistance • Case management

Visit **VCHSA.org/help** for more information. Questions?
Call 805-385-1800, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday, or
email HSA-HSP@ventura.org



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