

Rental Assistance Program Information

Thank you for your interest in Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County's (CAP-HC's) **Rental Assistance Program**. This packet includes information about the program, eligibility, required application materials, and instructions for submitting your application. It also includes forms that must be completed as part of your application.

Please review the information in this packet carefully to ensure that you are eligible for the program and your application materials are submitted correctly.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

CAP-HC has limited funding to provide a one-time payment for eligible households for either:

- Rental assistance up to \$1,000 per household, *or*
- By paying up to \$1,000 for the security deposit and/or first month of rent per household.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Please note:

1. **Applicants may only apply every 24 months** for CAP-HC's Rental Assistance program.
2. **Applicants must complete CAP-HC's Financial Wellness or Renter's Rights Workshop** as part of the application process.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

1. Live in Hennepin County.
2. **Not receive any type of rental subsidy or housing voucher, such as public housing or Section 8.**
3. Have household income that is at or below the Federal Income Guidelines in the table on page 2.
4. **If seeking security deposit assistance:** Have a denial letter from Hennepin County Emergency Assistance or other rental assistance provider.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Gross Household Income*	Maximum Annual Gross Household Income*
1	\$2,660.00	\$31,920
2	\$3,606.67	\$43,280
3	\$4,553.33	\$54,640
4	\$5,500.00	\$66,000
5	\$6,446.67	\$77,360
6	\$7,393.33	\$88,720
7	\$8,340.00	\$100,080
8	\$9,286.67	\$111,440
9	\$10,233.33	\$122,800
10	\$11,180.00	\$134,160

*Gross income—total earnings before taxes and other deductions

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

To Apply for Rental Assistance Program:

1. Complete the forms in this application packet.
2. Provide proof of income for all adults in the household for the last full calendar month before signing this application.
 - This includes all sources of income, such as wages, public benefits, social security, child support, etc.
 - If you have not received any income for the last full calendar month before signing this application, complete the Verification of Zero Income form (page 8 of this packet).
3. Provide proof of the household size. Examples include a lease listing all household members, a current tax return, or a benefits statement
4. Provide proof of the Hennepin County address. Examples include a utility bill, benefits statement, or current tax return.
5. Provide a copy of your most recent lease or notice of approval for tenancy.
6. Provide a copy of your Financial Wellness or Renter's Rights certificate with a training completion date within the last 12 months.
7. If seeking security deposit assistance: Provide a copy of a denial letter from Hennepin County Emergency Assistance or other rental assistance provider.



HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS

Please Note:

1. Your application is not complete until we receive all required application forms and documentation as specified in the “Required Application Materials” section of this packet. **If your application is submitted without all required materials, it will not be processed.**
2. Allow up to 60 days to process your application. If approved, please allow an additional 30 days for your assistance check to be processed.
3. Submitting an application does not guarantee approval.

You may submit your application forms and documentation as specified above in one of the following ways:

- **Email** your materials to: rentalassistance@caphennepin.org
- **Mail** your materials to: CAP-HC Rental Assistance
7101 Northland Circle N, Suite 123
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428
- **In person:** Drop off your materials at one of CAP-HC's offices during office hours. Locations and hours can be found at caphennepin.org/locations.

We will review your application materials and follow up with you for next steps.

AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR RENTAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

After submitting your application materials, if you are eligible and approved for the program:

1. A CAP-HC staff member will contact you with next steps.
2. **Rental Assistance clients must complete CAP-HC's Financial Wellness or Renter's Rights training** and submit their completion certificate before assistance grants will be paid to property managers.
 - Training hours can be completed via group workshops. Self-led online training is available for Financial Wellness.
 - Workshops should be completed no more than 12 months before applying for the program and no later than 14 days after receiving the letter of guarantee.

Still have questions? Email us at rentalassistance@caphennepin.org.





INTAKE FORM

You can use this Intake Form to apply for Water Assistance, Rental Assistance, Vehicle Repair, MNsure Application Assistance, and the Employment Readiness Program. This form cannot be used to apply for the Energy Assistance or Energy-Related Repair Programs. To apply for those programs, visit caphennepin.org/eap.

COMPLETING THIS INTAKE FORM

We need information about you, anyone living in your home, and your household income to determine if you are eligible for services. Our funders require the rest of the information. **Additional program-specific forms and/or required documentation will be outlined in each program's application instructions.**

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT CAP-HC?

<input type="checkbox"/> CAP-HC Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Search	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper or Magazine Ad
<input type="checkbox"/> CAP-HC Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailer, Flyer, or Brochure	<input type="checkbox"/> Partner Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend or Relative	<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage Lender	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach Event: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		Event Name or Date

Please state how you heard about us.

YOUR INFORMATION

1. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Street Address: _____ Apartment/Unit #: _____
City: _____ State: MN ZIP Code: _____ County: Hennepin
Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

2. How would you like us to contact you about your application? (please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Email to email address above	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone call to phone number above
<input type="checkbox"/> Text message to phone number above	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailing to street address above

3. Your Work Status (please select all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Employed Full-Time (at least 30 hours)	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired
<input type="checkbox"/> Employed Part-Time (less than 30 hours)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed (short-term, 6 months or less)
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed (such as Lyft or Door Dash)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed (long-term, more than 6 months)
<input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Seasonal Farm Worker	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed (not seeking employment)

4. Your Marital Status: Single Married Domestic Partner Divorced Widowed

5. Are you a CAP-HC employee? Yes No

6. Are you a CAP-HC board member? Yes No

7. Were you born outside the United States? Yes No

8. What is your primary or preferred language? _____

9. Do you want an interpreter? Yes No

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Are you enrolled in the Transit Assistance Program or other transit discount program? Yes No

2. Do you need to update your voter registration information? Yes No

3. Do you need information about how to apply for child support services in Minnesota? Yes No



HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

1. How many people are in your household? _____

2. Household Status:

- Single Person
- Two Adults, No Children
- Single Parent
- Two Parents
- Multigenerational (3 or more generations)
- Other:

Please describe.

3. Housing Status:

- Own
- Rent
- Other Permanent Housing
- Homeless
- Other:

Please describe.

4. Complete the information below for each person in your household.

For Race, Gender, Education Level, and Health Insurance Status, use these codes:

- Race

I = American Indian/Alaskan Native, A = Asian, B = Black or African American,
P = Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, W = White, MR = Multiracial, O = Other, NR = Choose not to respond

- Gender

M = Male, F = Female, T = Transgender, N = Non-Conforming, NR = Choose not to respond

- Education Level

8 = 0-8th Grade, NG = 9-12 Non-Graduate, G = High School Graduate, GED = GED,

12 = 12th Grade and some post-secondary school, CG = 2- or 4-year College Degree,

GD = Graduate Degree of other post-secondary school, NR = Choose not to respond

- Health Insurance

N = None, DP = Direct-Purchase, M = Military, MCARE = Medicare, MCAID = Medicaid, SC = State Children, SA = State Adult, E = Employer Based, U = Insured but unsure which type, NR = Choose not to respond



HOUSEHOLD NON-CASH BENEFITS

Check any benefit that you or your household currently receives. (please select all that apply):

- Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)
- WIC
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Energy Assistance Program (EAP)
- Housing Choice Voucher
- HUD-VASH
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Public Housing
- Affordable Care Act Subsidy
- Childcare Voucher
- Head Start

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

My household has a financial hardship and has received no income for the last full calendar month before signing this application. If checked, skip to the "Verification of Zero Income" section on page 7.

For the last full calendar month before signing this application, **list the amount of each type of income you and all members of your household received**. Write the household member's name at the top of each column. Use gross income (the amount earned before taxes and deductions).

Source of Income	Applicant's Income	's Income	's Income	's Income
Employment (Adults Only)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Self-Employment (Adults Only)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Month and year self-employment started:	MM/YYYY	MM/YYYY	MM/YYYY	MM/YYYY
TANF/MFIP/GA	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child Support/Alimony	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security Income (SSI)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security Retirement	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
VA Disability Compensation/Pension	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement/Pension	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment Insurance	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Worker's Compensation	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Private Disability Insurance	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Income	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Please describe: _____				



VERIFICATION OF ZERO INCOME

Complete this form if your household has not received any income for the last full calendar month before signing this application. If your household did receive income in the last full calendar month before signing this application, make sure you filled out the "Household Income" section on page 6 and skip to the "Authorized Representative" section below.

1. Complete the information about your household expenses below.

Bill/Expense	Monthly Amount	Bill/Expense	Monthly Amount
Rent/Mortgage: \$		Car Payment/Insurance: \$	
Food: \$		Gas: \$	
Heat: \$		Cable/Internet: \$	
Electric: \$		Personal Items: \$	
Phone/Cell: \$		Other Expenses: \$	

2. Please tell us how you have paid your household expenses during the last full calendar month before signing this application.

3. During the last full calendar month before signing this application, did any adults (ages 18 or older) living in your home have these sources of income?: (Please select all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time Job	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time Job	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Workers Compensation
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security	<input type="checkbox"/> Annuity Payment(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pension
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Payment(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rental Income	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> Working for Cash
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Savings	

4. List the name and last date of employment for all adults (ages 18 or older) living in your home who are unemployed.

Name: _____ Last Date of Employment: _____

Name: _____ Last Date of Employment: _____

Name: _____ Last Date of Employment: _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (Optional)

You may give an authorized representative permission to act on your behalf. Your representative must be an individual person (not a group or organization). Your representative cannot sign your application unless you provide documentation of their legal authorization to do so with your application (e.g. Power of Attorney, Guardian, or Conservator).

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

SIGNATURE

The information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that:

- I must provide documentation to verify my residency, the size of my household, and household income.
- My application will be delayed and may be denied if I do not send all required documentation.
- Completion of this form does not guarantee that I will receive services from CAP-HC.

I am providing my signature electronically by typing my first and last name below.

Applicant Signature

Date



Rental Assistance Authorization to Release Information

This form gives Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) staff permission to contact your landlord and/or property manager to gather the information specified below in order to 1) complete your Rental Assistance program application, 2) verify your eligibility for the program, and 3) provide rental assistance if it is determined you are eligible for the program. Though you may refuse to provide this authorization, without it, CAP-HC will not be able to process your application or provide assistance.

Name of Landlord and/or Property Manager:

Return information to: ATTN: Rental Assistance

7101 Northland Circle N, Suite 123
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Address:

Phone Number:

Main Office Phone: 952-933-9639

Email: rentalassistance@caphennepin.org

Email Address:

I authorize the property contact above to provide the information initialed and checked below with CAP-HC staff. *Each item must be initialed and checked by client prior to signing.*

Initial Check

- My name, address, and phone number
- The names, dates of birth, and social security number of my children
- Information on resources, benefits, and services I receive from YOU or YOUR programs
- Information about my housing payments and history (rented or owned)
- Property Address (please provide your address): _____

- I understand that information CAP-HC has about me may be given to or shared with people or organizations according to CAP-HC's privacy policy.
- I understand that I am not required to authorize release of information. I also understand that without my authorization for release of this information, CAP-HC will not have the information needed to provide assistance.
- I understand **this release will expire one (1) year after I have signed it**. I also understand that I can cancel this release at any time, but cancellation will not affect information released before I cancelled my consent.
- I am providing my signature electronically by typing my first and last name below.

Signature of Participant(s): _____ / _____ Date: _____

Printed Name(s): _____ / _____

Name of person signing for participant: _____ Reason Unable to Sign: _____

Signature of person who explained this form and your rights: _____



TENNESSEN WARNING

Your Privacy Rights

Minnesota law requires that you are informed of your rights regarding the Private Information we collect from you. Personal information is Private Information under Minnesota law. Private Information can only be shared if you give us your permission or if the law requires it.

Why do we ask for this information?

We ask you for the information so we can:

- Determine whether you are eligible for services at Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County;
- Assist you in getting medical, mental health, financial, or social services from other organizations;
- Create reports, do research, audits, and evaluate our programs; and
- Uniquely identify you and other people who have the same or similar name.

Do you have to answer the questions we ask?

The law does not require you to give us your Private Information. However, without required information, we may not be able to provide you service.

Who can we share the information with?

These are examples of entities we may share your Private Information with. It does not mean that we *will* share your information. Please note this is not a complete list.

- City of Plymouth
- Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department
- MN Department of Human Services
- MN Housing Finance Agency
- Neighbor Works
- US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- US Department of Health & Human Services
- West Central Minnesota Community Action
- Other public or private agencies
- Banks, credit bureaus, creditors, or other financial institutions
- Landlords, rental property managers, or shelters
- Social service, mental health, or medical providers
- Agencies under contract with CAP-HC to provide service
- Anyone required by law

Can I review the Private Information you have about me?

You may ask if we have Private Information about you. If we have your Private Information, you can ask for copies. You can give other people approval to have copies of your Private Information. If you have questions about the information, you can ask us to explain it to you. If you think the information is incorrect you can contact us.

How do I exercise my rights or ask questions?

To exercise your rights or ask questions about the information on this notice, you can speak to the program staff assisting you, call 952-933-9639 to leave a message requesting to speak with the program director, or reach us by mail at:
7101 Northland Circle N, Suite 123
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.

I understand my rights and have been given a copy of this form.
 I am providing my signature electronically by typing my first and last name below.

Applicant Signature

Date



UNDERSTANDING HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

At Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC), we are committed to providing high-quality service throughout your experience with us. We also want to ensure you understand how to file a complaint if you have a concern about your experience.

If you are dissatisfied with your experience or disagree with a decision about your eligibility for a program:

1. **Speak with the program staff** to explain your concern and discuss whether they can help resolve the issue.
2. **If program staff are unable to resolve the issue**, call 952-933-9639 to leave a message requesting to speak with the program director.
3. **The program director will work with you** and program staff to try to resolve your concern.

Please note: CAP-HC cannot make exceptions to, or allow exemptions from, program income and eligibility requirements as these are determined by third parties.

I understand how to file a complaint if I have an unsatisfactory experience with CAP-HC.
 I am providing my signature electronically by typing my first and last name below.

Applicant Signature

Date