

Rural Rental Assistance Program (Section 521)

Description:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development administers the Rural Rental Assistance Program. It provides an additional source of support for residents whose incomes are too low to pay the base rent charged in Rural Development's housing communities. Rental assistance may be used in housing communities that are financed by USDA Rural Development's, Rural Rental Housing (Section 515) or Farm Labor Housing (Section 514). Residents, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities are eligible for rental assistance if they meet certain financial criteria and pay more than 30 percent of their adjusted monthly income towards the basic monthly rent. Each housing community determines whether it will provide rental assistance and the number of units that can receive it. Funds for this program may be limited and may not be available to all residents in need. Priority for rental assistance is given to very low-income households.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Must be a resident of rental housing that is financed by USDA Rural Development.
- Individuals' incomes must be no greater than 80 percent of their area's median income as defined by Rural Development (refer to [Appendix J](#)).

Service Areas:

The following towns have USDA Rural Rental Housing available for elderly persons and offer Rental Assistance (Section 521):

Andover	Durham	North Grosvenordale
Avon	East Granby	Plainfield
Bantam	East Lyme	Putnam
Brooklyn	Granby	South Woodbury
Canterbury	Griswold	Southbury
Canton	Harwinton	Suffield
Chester	Kent	Terryville
Clinton	Madison	Thomaston
Colchester	Moodus	Waterford
Columbia	Moosup	Warehouse Point
Cromwell	Newtown	Westbrook
Dayville	Noank	Willimantic

Program Year:
March 1 – April 30

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For a list of towns in each Connecticut county that are eligible for USDA Rural Development programs refer to [Appendix L](#).

For answers to questions and to obtain a listing of Rural Development rental housing communities:

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Hartford County
Litchfield County
Middlesex County
New Haven County
Tolland County

Related Information:

[Rural Rental Housing Program \(Section 515\), refer to page XII – 44.](#)