

Security Deposit Guarantee Program

Description:

The Security Deposit Guarantee Program will be closed for intake effective April 23, 2010. Due to the uncertainty of the state budget situation, the Department of Social Services is unsure as to when the program will re-open. The Security Deposit Guarantee Program helps eligible households who reside in emergency housing or shelters transition to permanent housing by guaranteeing landlords payment of up to two months rent instead of a direct security deposit payment. An agreement is established between the Department of Social Services and the applicant's landlord that guarantees that the Department will pay an agreed-upon security deposit, either in part or in full, if the tenant moves out of the apartment and there is damage caused by the tenant which requires repair, or if the tenant owes back rent. Persons who cannot remain in permanent housing because of any of the following situations may also apply for assistance:

- have received a notice to quit or a judgment has been entered in a summary process action against them, which is not based on criminal activity;
- left housing to escape domestic violence;
- have been displaced by a catastrophic event or other circumstance, which has rendered their previous housing uninhabitable and has submitted an application for the program within 60 days of that event;
- share an apartment with a leaseholder who is being evicted or who is engaged in criminal activity;
- have been illegally locked out and filed a complaint with the police;
- live with a tenant who received a notice to quit due to termination of a rental agreement for lapse of time or have been served a notice to quit in a summary process action; or
- have relocated because a child in the family has been found to have an abnormally high level of lead in his/her blood.

Emergency housing refers to any temporary residential facility, including a hotel, motel, hospital, residential treatment facility, prison, alternative incarceration center, convalescent care center, state institution or shelter for victims of domestic violence. Emergency housing may also include a private residence of a friend or relative that temporarily shelters households displaced within the past 60 days due to an eviction, catastrophic event or domestic violence.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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Applicants must meet one of the following criteria to be eligible:

- Must be a current recipient of some form of welfare including, Temporary Family Assistance (TFA), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), State Administered General Assistance (SAGA), General Assistance (GA), Refugee Assistance, Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD), Food Stamps, Safety Net or Medicaid, or
- Household annual adjusted gross income cannot exceed 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (refer to [Appendix F](#)).

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

July 1 – June 30

Contact Information:

To obtain and submit applications contact:

Local DSS Regional Offices, refer to [Appendix H](#) of this manual.

For more information:

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Related Information:

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