



YOUR GUIDE TO

CITY OF SYRACUSE AND ONONDAGA COUNTY RENTAL AND UTILITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



In response to the coronavirus pandemic, HUD has allocated funds to the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County to prevent and respond to individuals and families negatively impacted who are at imminent risk of facing eviction and becoming homeless. The City has asked the Department of Social Services – Economic Security (DSS-ES) to administer the portion of these funds targeted to provide financial aid. DSS-ES will refer individuals and families assessed with additional needs to community-based case management services.

Call the Department of Social Services at [315-435-2700](tel:315-435-2700) and select the rental assistance prompt.

Criteria

CDBG-CV Homeless and Eviction Prevention

- Income: 80% Area Median Income or below
- City Residents only
- Direct financial Assistance:
 - Rent or Utility Assistance
 - Security Deposit
 - Up to three months of assistance
- Follow up case management, not required but available as needed through Catholic Charities
- Referral to Financial Empowerment Center

ESG-CV Homeless and Eviction Prevention

- Income: 50% Area Median Income or below
- City Residents only
- Imminently at risk of homelessness (higher need)
- Direct Financial Assistance:
 - Rent or Utility Assistance
 - Security Deposit
 - Up to three months of assistance
- Follow up case management for 6 months required through Salvation Army or Catholic Charities
- Referral to Financial Empowerment Center

Onondaga County also has an ESG-CV Homeless and Eviction Prevention Program, for county residents who do not live in the city of Syracuse

- Income: 50% Area Median Income or below
- County Resident not living in the City of Syracuse
- Imminently at risk of homelessness (higher need)
- Direct Financial Assistance:
 - Rent or Utility Assistance
 - Security Deposit
 - Up to three months of assistance
- Follow up case management for 6 months required through DSS
- Referral to Financial Empowerment Center

Documentation Needed for ESG-CV/CDBG-CV Homeless/Eviction Prevention

- Proof of income
- Proof of financial status (i.e. job loss or reduced hours/furlough due to COVID-19)
- Proof of housing crisis, due to COVID-19

For free legal help regarding eviction, codes violations, landlord harassment, and other renter rights, please contact Volunteer Lawyers Project at [315-807-0043](tel:315-807-0043)