



City of Fort Pierce

Rapid Rehousing Program

The housing needs have changed drastically over the course of a couple of years. With a competitive housing market and the rise of rent, many households have faced homelessness. To address the rise in displaced individuals due to the lack of affordable housing, the Rapid Rehousing Program will be implemented to assist those in dire need of assistance.

The Rapid Rehousing Program is to assist individuals and families who are homeless according to Florida’s definition in Section 420.621 of the Florida Statutes. Individuals and families are eligible on a first eligible, first served basis. Qualified on first eligible, first serve basis.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What type of assistance can I receive?

First, Last, Security plus an additional 3 months.

Assistance will be provided directly to the housing provider and/or utility company on behalf of the applicant(s). Assistance will be provided once per lifetime and will be documented in applicant’s file.

2. What are the requirements?

Households that are homeless, behind on rent, or facing eviction will be identified through a social service agency.

Income Limit	1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people	7 people	8 people
Extremely Low	\$16,800	\$19,200	23,030	\$27,750	\$32,470	\$37,190	\$41,910	\$46,630
Very Low	\$28,000	\$32,000	\$36,000	\$40,000	\$43,200	\$46,400	\$49,600	\$52,800
Low	\$44,800	\$51,200	\$57,600	\$64,000	\$69,150	\$74,250	\$79,400	\$84,500

3. How do I apply?

Apply through a social service agency. A referral system will be created with social service agencies that work with the homeless population. Individuals or families will only be considered if referred through a social service agency and meet the income eligibility criteria.

4. How long does it take to process my application for the Home Purchase Assistance program?

Once a completed application has been submitted, please allow the Grants staff time to process.

5. Are applications prioritized based on certain criteria?

Applications are accepted on a first- completed, first-qualified basis. Applying does not guarantee approval.

6. Can I apply for, or receive other rental assistance while being assisted by the Rapid Rehousing Program?

Yes, as long as the services are not the same as the Rapid Rehousing Program.

7. How can I provide proof that I am at risk of housing instability to qualify for assistance?

Provide eviction notice, late rent notice, or court documents stating that the landlord is initiating legal process.

8. Where does the home need to be located?

Homes/apartments must be located within the city limits of Fort Pierce.

9. What is the next step after I have been approved for the Rapid Rehousing Program?

After receiving approval for the Rapid Rehousing Program, give your landlord or new landlord's information to the City of Fort Pierce, Grants Administration Division at 772-467-3161 or email grantsadministration@cityoffortpierce.com.

The Grants Division Staff will work with the property manager/landlord regarding payments. The Grants Division staff may require that you or your landlord send a copy of the pre-lease or lease.

10. What documents are required?

- **Social Service Intake Application**
- **Copy of benefit agreement signed by all household members**
- **Rapid Rehousing Program application signed by all household members 18 years of age or older**
- **Copies of Driver's License(s) or State issued I.D. Card** for all family members aged 18 and older.
- **Copy of Lease**
- **Eviction Notice/Late rent notice**
- **Copies of 2 months of paystubs**
- **Copies of 3 most recent bank statement(s)** for **all** checking and savings accounts.
- **Copies of Social Security Card(s) for applicant and** all household members/dependents.
- **Copy of last year's signed IRS income tax return** for **every** household member 18 years of age or older, including all W-2's, 1099s and all schedules.
 - If self-employed, you must provide **copies of the last two (2) years tax returns** with all pages and schedules. If self-employed for less than two (2) years, provide copies of any tax returns that include self-employed income. If your business is incorporated, provide two (2) years of corporate returns. **If applicant did not file taxes, please contact the IRS for form 4506-T, fill this out and provide for each household member aged 18 or older.**
- **Copies of birth certificates for all children under the age of 18.**

- If you receive **alimony or child support**, you will need to submit **copies of divorce decrees**, mediation agreements, paternity orders or judgments indicating how much you have been awarded.
 - We are required to count as income any child support or alimony awarded by the courts. If you are not receiving the specified amount, you must submit the following information for us to accept a lesser figure: (1) signed statement indicating that payments are not being made according to the court order, and (2) proof that you have filed to collect delinquent child support or alimony with the courts responsible for enforcing these payments. This information will be verified with the appropriate agencies.