

# Housing Assistance Network of Dade (HAND)

*Providing a helping hand to persons in need of housing.*

## Who can apply for this assistance?

1. Individual or family currently homeless (as proven by referral from outreach team or homeless program) or in housing but at risk of becoming homeless (as proven by court filed eviction) and in need of temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless, and
2. The household income is at or below 50% of the area median income which is dependent on the number of people in the household:

| Number of persons in household:                | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Maximum Income to be eligible for this program | 23,600 | 26,950 | 30,350 | 33,700 | 36,400 | 39,100 | 41,800 | 44,500 |

## What kind of help can be received?

Help with rent, utilities, security deposits, legal assistance and credit counseling.

## How do you apply?

Call 1-877-994-4357 for a location nearest you. (Certain locations may not have funding available).

## Criteria for rental assistance:

1. Private landlords with apartments or residential motels, not a room within a house, (mortgage assistance is not eligible). Landlord must own property, owner of property cannot be Citrus, Miami-Dade County or the agency assisting the tenant.
2. Apartments cannot be under Section 8 Housing Vouchers, Shelter Plus Care, Public Housing, Affordable Housing rent restricted units (tax credit projects, VASH or other local or federal assistance programs. (Exception, new tenants can move into a tax credit affordable housing program).
3. Rent must be reasonable;
4. Rent must be affordable to the household's current income or reasonably potential income;
5. If applicant is moving to a new unit, the housing unit must meet local and federal habitability standards as evidenced by:
  - a. Visual inspection of certificate of occupancy or business license or computer screening to ensure no current violations, and
  - b. Completion of housing inspection.
  - c. Lead based paint inspection for units housing a child under 6 years old.

## Documentation requested from household:

1. Proof of homelessness (referral from outreach or homeless program) or risk of homelessness (court filed eviction).
2. Copy of utility bills if assistance is being requested for utilities.
3. Proof of income in the form of a check stub for all household members.
4. Copy of paycheck and bank statement indicating income and assets within last 30 days.
5. Copy of ID.
6. Copy of lease with name of applicant listed, signed by tenant and landlord.
7. The household will also need to provide the names of all of the household members, and the landlord's address and phone number.

(Please contact ADA Coordinator at 305-231-7667 if you need special accommodations. If you would like to file a complaint or appeal a decision, contact the supervisor where you applied or call 305-231-7667).

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