

What is the Rent Subsidy Program?

A program to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities pay their rent so they can live in their own homes outside of traditional DDA residential services

Who can apply ?

- **People with an Intellectual and Developmental Disability that are:**
 - 18 years or older
 - Receiving at least one DDA Waiver Program Service a month or determined to be “crisis resolution” on the DDA waitlist
 - A person who's household income is at or below 50% of the area median income for the area that they want to live. [Median incomes in Maryland](#)
 - A person who is not participating in any other federal or state funded rental assistance program
 - A person who is able to pass the required DHCD criminal record check
 - A person who is receiving rental assistance from the DDA
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How do I apply?

- Meet with your Coordinator of Community Services (CCS) and let them know you would like to live on your own
 - Your CCS will help you find a Housing Specialist and revise your PCP to including Housing Support Services (HSS)
 - Once your PCP is approved you will be able to meet with your Housing Specialist to complete the paperwork to add you to the rent subsidy waitlist
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How are people prioritized to receive the subsidy?

- People currently receiving state funded rental assistance from DDA
- Person as risk of homelessness defined as:
 - Living in a shelter or without temporary housing
 - Staying with friends or family but will be homeless in 14 days
 - Unaccompanied youth between the ages of 18-25 living staying with friends or family for more than 60 days with no permanent housing
 - Family with children living with family and friends for more than 60 days due to no permanent housing or living arrangement

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- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence
- Transitioning from long term care facility or institution
- Living with a caregiver 55 or older who can no longer care for the individual

Where can I get more information about the Rent Subsidy Program

- [DDA's Housing webpage](#)
- [Rent subsidy flow chart](#)
- [Housing Support Services "At a Glance"](#)

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