



# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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## STATE OF MARYLAND Rental Allowance Program

The State of Maryland's Rental Allowance Program (RAP) is designed to assist very low-income persons who have critical housing needs. RAP may grant twelve months rental assistance to those without or in danger of losing their housing. The amount of the grant depends on the size of the family.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

1. Applicants must be residents of St. Mary's County.
2. Applicants must be income eligible.  
Yearly income must fall below the guidelines:

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|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>1 Person</u> | <u>2 Persons</u> | <u>3 Persons</u> | <u>4 Persons</u> | <u>5 Persons</u> | <u>6 Persons</u> | <u>7 Persons</u> |
| \$18,000        | \$20,550         | \$23,150         | \$25,700         | \$27,750         | \$29,800         | \$31,850         |

3. Applicants must have a critical housing need. They must be homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.
4. Applicants must prove they will be able to take over rental payments in full following twelve months of RAP assistance.

### **HOW RAP WORKS**

A check is mailed directly to the landlord the first of each month. The recipient is responsible for the balance of rent due the landlord. The amount of rental assistance depends on the size of the family.

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| <u>1-2 Persons</u> | <u>3-4 Persons</u> | <u>5+Persons</u> |
| \$200.00           | \$250.00           | \$300.00         |

**Remember, this assistance is for twelve months only.** Families must be prepared to pay the full rent after receiving assistance for twelve months.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Call the Housing Office at 301-475-7844, ext. 1420 and ask that a preliminary application be mailed to you. Complete the application the best you can. Mail the completed application to the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County. Applicants will be placed on a waiting list and notified of eligibility by mail, as **funds become available**.

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