



Delaware Housing Assistance Program (DE HAP)

To assist Delawareans facing financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis, DSHA created the Delaware Housing Assistance Program (DE HAP). The program provides emergency housing assistance to renters affected by shutdowns, closures, layoffs, reduced work hours or unpaid leave due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Households are eligible for up to \$1,500 in assistance, with payments made directly to the property owner or utility company.

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Due to exceptionally high demand at this time, it may take longer than expected to process your application. Depending on when your application was submitted, it may take 2-4 weeks for a community partner to contact you with further instructions and to verify your eligibility for the assistance program. **DSHA will attempt to assist as many applicants as possible, but funding for the program is limited.** Eligible applications will be processed first-come first-served based on receipt of completed verification package. Once DE HAP funding has been exhausted, applications will be added to a wait list and be notified if additional funding becomes available.

To be eligible for DE HAP, applicants must reside in Delaware and have a maximum household income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for the county in which they reside. The applicant must also provide documentation showing an impact on their employment or income beginning March 10, 2020 or later that is attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes such instances as a layoff, reduced work hours or needing to take unpaid leave due to childcare or other issues arising as a result of the health crisis.

Please note, effective March 25, 2020, Governor John Carney placed a moratorium on evictions, late fees, and utility shutoffs until the State of Emergency is lifted so no adverse action should be taken against tenants during this time. However, this order does not relieve renters of their obligation to pay rent. Renters should do everything they can to pay their rent on time so that they are not past due. Renters should communicate their inability to pay any or all of their rent to their landlord as soon as they know that to be the case. It is in your best interest to let your landlord know your situation as soon as possible and that you are applying for assistance.

Income eligibility per county is as follows:

80% of County Area Median Income (AMI)

	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person
Sussex	\$42,500	\$48,600	\$54,650	\$60,700	\$65,600	\$70,450
New Castle	\$54,150	\$61,850	\$69,600	\$77,300	\$83,500	\$89,700
Kent	\$38,300	\$43,800	\$49,250	\$54,700	\$59,100	\$63,500