

# Homelessness Prevention FAQs

An Ottawa County Rental Assistance Program

Homelessness Prevention assists eligible individuals or families who need temporary assistance to remain in rental housing and avoid eviction. There may be certain times of the year when the program is full or out of funding and not accepting new applications. Please see our website to find out the status of the program.

## Common Prevention Questions:

### Q. Who may be eligible?

- A. An Ottawa County renter who:
- Units meet FMR (see FMR Limits)
  - Income is under the limit (see AMI Limits)
  - Has an eviction notice (at least a Summons) and is behind 3 months or less
  - Can produce a minimum of a 30 day lease
  - Are not currently receiving a rental subsidy

### Q. Do I need to reside in Ottawa County?

A. Yes. You must provide proof of your Ottawa County residency when you apply.

### Q. Whose Income is considered?

A. The applicant's income, and any person related to the applicant by blood or marriage, and the income of cohabitants/roommates.

### Q. Is there a Maximum Allowable Rent?

A. Yes. Rent plus utilities may not exceed the below amounts (Fair Market Rent). For rents where utilities are not included: FMR must be calculated based on amounts set by MSHDA, not based on utility bill amounts.

#### FMR Limits

<b>0 Bdrm</b>	<b>1 Bdrm</b>	<b>2 Bdrm</b>	<b>3 Bdrm</b>
\$571	\$721	\$828	\$1182
<b>4 Bdrm</b>	<b>5 Bdrm</b>	<b>6 Bdrm</b>	<b>7 Bdrm</b>
\$1245	\$1431	\$1618	\$1805
<b>8 Bdrm</b>	<b>Mobile Home Lot Rent</b>	<b>Single Room Occupancy</b>	
\$1992	\$331	\$428	

### Q. What are the income limits?

A. Maximum allowable gross income from all sources based on Household Size:

#### Annual Median Income (AMI) Limits

<b># of people</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Gross Income</b>	\$15,330	\$17,520	\$19,710	\$21,870
<b># of people</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Gross Income</b>	\$23,640	\$25,380	\$27,120	\$28,890

### Q. What if some of my household members are not legally in the United States?

A. If you reside in Ottawa County we may be able to work with you. Please call the office to discuss further.

### Q. How are approved amounts paid?

A. Once all required documents are on file and the final inspection has passed, payments are mailed directly to landlords. Households must submit the portion they are responsible for directly to their landlord, prior to the program releasing funds.

### Q. Where can I apply?

A. Review the Income and Fair Market Rent Limits. If your: Income and Rent is within the limit, AND the program is open, you may call 616.392.7159 to request a full screening.

### For Additional information visit:

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