



Landlord Relief Program

Administered by the Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA)

Funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity, Department for Children & Families

Landlord Relief Program Goals

Open	Increase	Provide
Open doors for landlords and tenants to establish successful and trusting relationships that result in housing stability;	Increase the inventory of rental units available to Vermonters who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness; and	Provide resources to prevent loss of housing opportunities for tenants and prevent vacancies for landlords.



Landlord Relief Program Description

- **The Landlord Relief Program is:**

- A statewide “risk pool”
- A critical tool in developing a supportive network of resources for a healthy rental market
- Support for landlords who are focusing on providing rental housing that serves all Vermonters
- Help for tenants with rental subsidies looking to secure long-term housing



Landlord Relief Program Key Components

Up to \$5,000 for eligible expenses, which may include:

Prorated cost to hold the unit for future program-eligible tenants, limited to two months' rent

Prorated cost for loss of rent from a vacancy due to repairs needed (that exceed normal wear and tear), limited to one month of rent

Qualifying damages caused by a tenant

Rent associated with the early termination of the lease by the tenant, limited to one month of rent

Legal and mediation fees to preserve tenancy



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Who Can Apply and How?

- **Rental Housing Owners, Landlords, and Property Managers**
 - Claim must be for a residential unit in Vermont
 - Online Portal accessed through the VSHA website
 - Paper Applications for claims for extenuating circumstances
 - Translations and simultaneous interpretations will be made available upon request



Landlord Relief Program Requirements

A formal lease with a household receiving any form of rental assistance or with a household who was experiencing homelessness prior to tenancy

Regular inspections have been performed, and will continue, on the property and unit

All other funding options available have been exhausted, including the security deposit

The unit follows local and/or state inspection, health and safety, and registration requirements

The lease meets rental affordability [guidelines](#)



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Eligible Tenancy

- **Households must be recipient of a subsidy or rental assistance OR homeless at the time of move in**
 - Household income is not reviewed as part of the application process
 - Subsidy or rental assistance can be one time or ongoing
 - The subsidy or rental assistance must be associated with the unit in question
 - The subsidy or rental assistance does not have to be current (could be associated with the future move in or could have been applied to the unit within the past 5 years)
 - Examples – HUD VASH, Shelter Plus Care, ESG CARES Voucher, Emergency Housing Vouchers, Housing Opportunity Grant Program Rental Assistance, VERAP, RUERA



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NEXT STEPS

REACH OUT!!! WE ARE READY!!

WEBSITE: For more information, helpful documents and resources and to APPLY visit us at:

[Home - VSHA Landlord Relief Program](#)

REGISTRATION: Landlords and property managers who participated in VERAP simply use those login credentials. NEW TO US: You will need to register.

PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS:

- CONTACT US AT: LANDLORDRELIEF@VSHA.ORG OR BY CALLING 802-828-2040

TO SCHEDULE A TRAINING FOR YOUR GROUP:

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