



DC FLEX

FOR SINGLES

DC Flex for Singles provides flexible funds that can be used for rent. When you have an unexpected expense or emergency, or the money you have on hand is simply not enough to make your full rent payment, your DC Flex for Singles funds can help you cover all or part of your rent. You can continue to use funds as long as you don't go over your yearly amount.

HOW MUCH ASSISTANCE CAN I GET?

\$7,200 per year for an individual. This amount does not change based on your rent cost.

WHEN DO THE BENEFITS START?

Benefits start as soon as 45 days after your enrollment is confirmed. Benefits cannot start until you exit the program you're currently in.

HOW LONG CAN I STAY IN THE PROGRAM?

Individuals may stay in the program up to five years.

WHERE CAN I LIVE?

You can keep your current housing if you already have a lease, or you can move to any other affordable unit in DC.

DO I HAVE TO BE WORKING?

Not at this moment. Once in the program, you will need to find employment in the first year to continue to be eligible. When you recertify after one year, you will have to show proof of recent employment.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO STAY IN THE PROGRAM?

- Pay rent to your landlord directly;
- Attend two financial coaching sessions each year;
- Attend one financial management training each year;
- Attend a financial action plan review session each month; and
- Recertify your eligibility each year with DHS.

WHAT IF MY INCOME INCREASES WHILE I'M IN THE PROGRAM?

Once you earn more than **40%** of Area Median Income per year, the benefit will end. **40%** of Area Median Income for an individual is **\$42,580** for 2023 - see this link for additional details: <https://tinyurl.com/DC40AMI>

WHY IS ENROLLMENT THROUGH A LOTTERY PROCESS?

DC Flex for Singles is considered a pilot program. It provides rental assistance in a different way to hopefully better support DC residents. There is funding for approximately **100 individuals**. The lottery helps us ensure a fair selection process.