

Housing Authority of The County of Merced

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Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Policy (HPRP)

Homeless Prevention Assistance in the form of rental deposit, utilities payments, utility deposits and eviction prevention assistance is available from the Housing Authority of The County of Merced on a limited basis. Assistance is available for HCV voucher holders or Public Housing tenants who do not exceed 50% of the City of Merced median income. **Families must live within the Merced City limits and continue to live in the City of Merced.** In order to assure the clients with the greatest level of need are assisted, the following guidelines will be used to determine which applicants will be assisted:

Priority will be given to current Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) voucher holders and Public Housing tenants:

1. who are currently housed but have a very high risk of becoming homeless
2. who are currently living in unsafe or unsanitary conditions
3. that have a 30-day notice at no fault of their own
4. that are pending foreclosure of rental housing
5. that have received a 15-day or 48 hour utility notice

Current Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) voucher holders and Public Housing tenants are not eligible if:

1. Their rent portion exceeds 65% of their monthly income
2. They are the property owner
3. Their landlord will not respond to inquiries
4. The amount of assistance we can give will not prevent their eviction, or secure permanent housing for at least 60 (sixty) days
5. Required information is not submitted in the time requested
6. Fail to return calls or make scheduled appointments
7. Have a history of late payments or evictions
8. Terminated/evicted for other reason other than those stated above

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF ITEMS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION. IT IS THE CLIENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ALL COPIES AND ATTACH TO APPLICATION BEFORE RETURNING THEM TO THIS OFFICE:

- A. For deposit assistance you must attach an actual signed rental agreement.
Please provide the name, address and telephone number of the prospective owner/agent.
- B. For eviction assistance you must attach the original notice along with a copy of the actual signed rental agreement.
- C. For utility assistance you must attach a current utility printout, which needs to include past and current balances.
- D. For utility deposit assistance you must attach a letter/notice from the utility company indicating required deposit amount.
- E. Current proof of income (for all household members):
 - 1. Cash Aid Printout
 - 2. Social Security Administration Printout or Bank Statement of Automatic Deposit
 - 3. WAGES/SALARY: Consecutive check stubs for the last two (2) months
 - 4. Bank Statements (current month)
- F. Photo Identification (California License/Identification Card is preferred)

Mission Statement

The Housing Authority of the County of Merced (HACM) offers affordable housing opportunities to our community by providing access to a variety of services and programs to promote self-sufficiency and to enhance the quality of life for those we serve.

We strive to provide housing assistance, training, education, and homeownership opportunities by participation in the acquisition, development and operation of affordable housing through the utilization of various funding sources and partnerships that builds pride and responsibility in our residents.

We are committed to giving our clients and each other courtesy, respect and quality customer care. We will ethically apply the laws, rules and regulations that govern this agency, and further affirm the value and dignity of each person we serve and with whom we work.



Contact Us:

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Housing Authority of the County of Merced (HACM)

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) 2010



This program is made possible through the American
Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Questions and Answers

- **What is this program?**

It is a Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. Funds are made possible through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

- **How much assistance can I get?**

Upon verification, you may be eligible for assistance with security deposit, utility deposit and utility payment, based on need.

- **Who can qualify for this program?**

Assistance is available for HCV voucher holders or Public Housing tenants who do not exceed 50% of the City of Merced's median income.

You must live within the Merced City limits and continue to live in the City of Merced.

- **How do I qualify?**

The maximum allowable income for this program is:

City of Merced's Median Income	\$50,400
Number of People in Household	Allowable Income for Program*
1	\$19,550
2	\$22,300
3	\$25,100
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(*50% of City's Median Income, Per HUD 2009 Guidelines)

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- **Where can I get an application?**

- * Applications can be downloaded at www.merced-pha.com
- * Applications may be also be picked up Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm at 405 U Street, Merced, CA 95341
- * Applications will be accepted daily
- * Applications will be taken until all funds are expended
- * Appointments may be scheduled once applicants are deemed eligible
Current contact phone numbers and addresses are necessary, so please include them in your application
- * All applicants must meet HUD and Agency eligibility guidelines
- * *If you have any questions, please contact 209-722-3501 ext. 141*



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