



## RENTAL RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

The purpose of this program is to provide for the payment of grants to qualified tenants residing in the City of Charlottesville. City Council has determined that qualifying individuals are deemed to bear an extraordinary burden in rent costs, and thereby indirectly an extraordinary real estate tax burden, in relation to their income and financial worth.

### Qualification:

(From City Code of Charlottesville Sec. 25-56 et. seq.)

- The applicant has paid rent for his dwelling within the city during the previous year and was a resident of the city on December 31 of the previous year;
- The applicant, or his spouse if they reside together, is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, or permanently and totally disabled, as of December 31 of the previous year;
- The dwelling for which the rental relief grant is sought was occupied as of December 31 of the previous year as the sole dwelling place of the applicant;
- If applicant is permanently and totally disabled and under 65 years of age, there must be proper documentation from the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board attached to the application;
- If the applicant is filing for disability relief but is not eligible for certification by any of those agencies, the application shall be accompanied by a sworn affidavit by two (2) medical doctors licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia to the effect that such person is permanently and totally disabled;
- The combined income during the previous year of the applicant and of all relatives living in the same dwelling must not exceed the sum of \$50,000. The first \$7,500 of income received by the applicant or applicant's spouse and classified as permanent disability compensation shall be excluded from the gross income;
- The first \$8,500 of income of each relative (other than the spouse of such applicant) who is living in such dwelling shall be excluded from the gross income;
- The net combined financial worth as of December 31 of the previous year of the applicant and spouse of such applicant living in the dwelling cannot exceed \$125,000;
- For qualifying applicants, the amount of the grant (not to exceed \$1,500) shall be twenty-five (25) percent of the amount determined by subtracting twenty-four (24) percent of gross combined income from the lesser of:
  - (1) The actual amount of rent paid; or
  - (2) Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00);
- If the applicant was a resident of the city for less than the full grant year, the actual rent paid or maximum rent allowable shall be prorated for the period of actual residency.

### Please bring the following documentation (if applicable) no later than May 1:

wages (W2)	interest/dividends	SSA	fuel/energy assistance (EAP)
pensions/retirement	trust income	SNAP/EBT	child support
veterans disability income	rents received	AFDC	general relief/assistance
capital gains	SSI	TANF	

### You will also need to bring the following:

- Copy of Rental Lease of Property
- Photo ID
- Receipts for rents paid in the previous year
- OR
- Statement from landlord that indicates rents paid BY APPLICANT in the previous year  
*Landlord statement must include Landlord name, address and phone number.*