Tenants Assistance Program (TAP)

LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Who Can Apply:

Lake County, IL Renters Who:

- Have NOT received funds from an IDHS Homeless Prevention Program in the last 24 months.
- Can document a recent financial crisis or hardship.
- Can afford monthly housing costs after assistance from TAP has been received.
- Have a Landlord who agrees to receive funds directly.
- Provide All Required Documents.

Required Documents:

- Intake Form
- Lease
- Ledger of rent owed
- Proof of Income
- Proof of Hardship

Maximum Coverage:

UP TO:

- 3 months delinquent rent, or
- 2 months in security deposit, or
- 2 months in future rent.
- *Maximum 6 months combined*

Complete Intake HERE:

Questions?
847-223-1170 ext 1800

Tenants Assistance Program - FAQ's

Who funds the TAP program?

TAP is funded by the IL Dept of Human Services Homeless Prevention Program. LCHA receives a set amount of funding per year to distribute to Lake County, IL renters to prevent homelessness through rent or security deposit assistance

Does TAP cover mortgages or utilities?

No, the TAP program only covers rental arrears, security deposit, or future rent. Mortgages are not covered.

What is the income cap to qualify?

TAP has no minimum or maximum income requirement. Applicants must be able to demonstrate an ability to meet prospective rental/utility obligations after assistance has been granted based on current or anticipated income.

What IS a qualifying hardship?

A hardship is defined by our funder as a "temporary economic crisis beyond household's control". Your TAP case manager will work with you to identify and document this crisis.

What if my landlord will not participate?

Our funder requires that TAP pay the landlord directly. There is no option for direct-to-tenant payments. If a landlord will not participate, the TAP applicant does not qualify.

Does everyone who applies to TAP get funded?

TAP has limited funding & is a first-come, first-served program. Some applicants may not be funded if program funds are exhausted sooner than anticipated.