

DC Landlord Partnership Fund

What is the purpose of the Landlord Partnership Fund?

The District of Columbia is facing a severe shortage of affordable housing and a shortage of landlords willing to lease affordable units to households with histories of homelessness. Without more housing units accessible to these households, it will be extremely challenging for the District to match the households with available apartment units that meet their needs—resulting in longer stays in shelter and fewer exits to permanent housing.

Landlord partners across the District have answered the call to help end homelessness by providing available units and relaxing screening criteria to assist our neighbors experiencing homelessness secure a home of their own. Recognizing our landlord partners' commitment to helping end homelessness, Mayor Bowser established the DC Landlord Partnership Fund to reimburse District landlords who rent to families or individuals who are exiting homelessness and have rental assistance through a Department of Human Services (DHS) and The Community Partnership (TCP) program. The Fund offers compensation for adverse rental costs associated with registered units.

The District of Columbia has also adopted the Coordinated Assistance and Resources for Encampments pilot (CARE) as part of the District's Strategic Plan to end Homelessness. This new initiative will allow landlords the same reimbursements for registered tenants. Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ACT), the Emergency Housing Voucher program (EHV) will provide additional funding for PSH, TAH and RRH subsidies for residents.

How is the Fund financed and administered?

The Fund is supported by private sources. Local business groups and philanthropic organizations donated the resources to begin and sustain this effort. The Fund is managed and administered through the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development (CNHED), an organization whose primary focus is devising, implementing, and advocating for affordable housing and community economic development solutions to serve the needs of low- and moderate-income District residents. This Fund is modeled on programs already in place in several cities in the United States, particularly Seattle's Landlord Liaison Project.

Who is eligible to participate in the Fund?

The Landlord Partnership Fund supports landlords who lease to individuals and families exiting homelessness and have rental assistance through the following DHS, TCP or American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ACT) funded programs:

- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):** families and singles
- **Targeted Affordable Housing (TAH):** families and singles
- **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH):** singles and families in the Family Rehousing & Stabilization Program (FRSP)

How can DC Landlords participate?

Landlords may complete and submit registration applications online at <https://cnhed.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CHED-Landlord-Partnership-Fund-Registration-Form-11.1.2021.pdf>. Registration applications are also available in each respective housing program's leasing packets. Landlords must register the unit with the Fund within thirty (30) days after the tenant initially occupies the unit. In order to be eligible to register for the Fund, a unit must have been initially occupied by the tenant on or after January 1, 2018.

After joining the Fund, any claims are subject to review and may or may not be approved for reimbursement. View the Fund process overview (cnhed.org/special-initiatives/landlord-partnership-fund-llc/) and FAQs for information about registration and the submission of reimbursement claims.

What does the Fund cover?

The Fund covers claims for units located in the District of Columbia and leased to tenants who receive rental assistance from the PSH, TAH, and RRH programs. This also includes units leased under the Coordinated Assistance and Resources for Encampments pilot (CARE) and those funded through the Emergency Housing Voucher program.



- **PSH or TAH leases that began January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019:** the maximum amount of the claims is limited to \$2,500 for physical damages, \$5,000 for rent claims, and \$5,000 for total rent and damages claims.
- **PSH or TAH leases that began July 1, 2019 or later:** claims are limited to \$2,500 for physical damages, \$2,500 for rent claims, and \$2,500 for total rent and damage claims.
- **RRH:** claims are limited to \$2,500 for physical damages, \$5,000 for rent claims, and \$5,000 for total rent and damages claims.

How can I learn more about the Fund?

For more information on the Landlord Partnership Fund, registration, claim submissions and reimbursements, policies and procedures, and FAQs please visit <https://cnhed.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Landlord-Partnership-Fund-FAQs-FINAL-2.pdf>. Please email questions about the program to info@dclandlordpartnershipfund.org.