



Rental Assistance (RA) Program (Short-Term Rental Subsidy)

Currently, there is no rental subsidy in the State's CalWORKs program. With the County's high rents, homeless families often need rental assistance to remain housed once they have secured permanent housing. To assist homeless families secure and retain permanent housing, DPSS provides a short-term rental subsidy program. Under the program, families receiving Permanent Homeless Assistance or Moving Assistance (i.e., CalWORKs families who have just found permanent housing) may qualify for a rental subsidy of up to \$300 per family (based on family size) for four months. These funds will be issued through two-party checks to the participant and landlord. In addition, money management services will be offered to assist families in sustaining their housing and avoiding future homelessness.

Eligibility to RA is a two-step determination process:

Step 1 - Eligible Population:

Applicant/participant must:

- Be CalWORKs eligible;
- Be employed or enrolled in GAIN/RITE, if currently receiving CalWORKs, or be employed or enrolled in Post-Time Limited Services, if already exhausted the CalWORKs 60-Month Time Limit;
- Be eligible to receive Permanent Homeless Assistance and/or Moving Assistance; and
- Agree to receive RA payments.

Step 2 - Housing Situation:

If all the above are met, the applicant/participant must have either:

- Signed a rental agreement to secure non-subsidized permanent housing within the past 30 days of the request for RA; or
- Found non-subsidized permanent housing and has requested permanent housing/Moving Assistance.

Effective 5-3-07, RA is available to families who find permanent housing with the assistance of a Housing Locator. For those families who find housing with the assistance of the Housing Locator, the amount of the rental subsidy is added to the Total Monthly Household Income (TMHI).