
CalWORKs Housing Support Program



Transforming Lives and Improving Futures

It is our mission to provide effective and efficient services that strengthen, empower and protect families and communities, thereby enhancing quality of life.



Working Towards Self Sufficiency:

- Each CalWORKs HSP participant is provided a caseworker to assist in the development of a plan to help client become self-sufficient.
- Employment services are made available to program participants. Many CalWORKs participants are either employed or receiving employment training.
- CalWORKs provides education and other services in addition to financial assistance for program participants.

Assistance/Services to Help Qualify Applicants:

- Funding may be available to help clear disqualifying debts.
- Services may be provided (i.e. medical assistance, child care, transportation assistance, etc.) that allow a program participant to afford rental payments. A program participant's income level does not accurately represent his/her living costs.
- Regarding felonies – program participants are actively working with caseworkers who assist in developing a plan for stabilization. In some instances this may include a participant's criminal history.
- Funding is available to assist with move-in costs (i.e. utilities).
- CalWORKs may be able to provide payment for application fee.

Financial Support/Rent:

- A funding allotment is available for each family served. This may include first 2 months rent and security deposit, with flexibility on price regarding deposit.
- Timely payment made directly to landlord.
- Funding may be available to assist with move-in costs (i.e. utilities).
- Additional funding may be available for supplemental rent support. Payments will be made directly to landlord.
- Program participants have a caseworker assisting with a household budget.

Support for Good Tenant/Landlord Relationship

- Tenants are provided with "Good Tenant" guidelines, in addition to any rules or regulations landlord may have.
- Caseworkers will be making follow-up home visits to ensure that tenants are upholding property standards, along with assessing needs for ongoing supportive services if necessary.
- Liaison available to landlord for issues or concerns that may arise. Ongoing liaison availability and in person check-ins as needed.