



DC FLEX

DC Flex provides flexible funds that can be used for rent. When you have an unexpected expense or emergency, or the money you have on hand is simply not enough to make your full rent payment, your DC Flex funds can help you cover all or part of your rent. You can continue to use funds as long as you don't go over your yearly amount.

HOW MUCH ASSISTANCE CAN I GET?

\$8,400 per year for a family household. This amount does not change based on family size or your rent cost.

WHEN DO THE BENEFITS START?

Benefits start as soon as **45 days** after your enrollment is confirmed. Benefits cannot start until you exit FRSP.

HOW LONG CAN I STAY IN THE PROGRAM?

Families may stay in the program up to five years.

WHERE CAN I LIVE?

You can keep your current FRSP housing or move to any other home in DC.

DO I HAVE TO BE WORKING?

Not at this moment. Once in the program, you will need to find employment in the first year to continue to be eligible. When you recertify after one year, you will have to show proof of recent employment.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO STAY IN THE PROGRAM?

- Pay rent to your landlord directly
- Attend two financial coaching sessions and one financial management session per year
- Recertify your eligibility each year with DHS

WHAT IF MY INCOME INCREASES WHILE I'M IN THE PROGRAM?

Once you earn more than 40% of Area Median Income per year, the benefit will end. 40% of Area Median Income for a family of four is \$56,920 for 2022 - see this link for additional details: <https://bit.ly/3RHGSGe>

WHY IS ENROLLMENT THROUGH A LOTTERY PROCESS?

DC Flex is considered a demonstration or pilot program that changes the way rent assistance works to improve the way the District supports residents. The demonstration is currently funded to work with an additional 200 families. The lottery process ensures a fair selection process.

