



# ACTION Housing Shallow Rent Program



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A rental assistance program for those experiencing homelessness to gain support in transitioning to stable housing from homelessness.

## What is Shallow Rent?

It is a new rental assistance program where the program pays a flat \$400 per month to your landlord and you, the participant, pay the remainder of the rent directly to your landlord. If your rent is \$600 per month, the program pays \$400 and you pay the remaining \$200. If your rent is \$1000 per month, the program pays \$400 and you pay the remaining \$600 to the landlord.

## Who is a potential good fit for this kind of program?

Single individuals with an income between \$900 and \$2000 per month would be most successful in Allegheny County's Shallow Rent Program.

Rents for efficiency and one-bedroom apartments are typically between \$600 and \$1000 per month, so a small subsidy of \$400 could help make the difference in achieving housing stability.

## How long does the program last?

Allegheny County's Shallow Rent program is a maximum of 1 year.

By the end of your time in the program, our expectation is that you will have stable housing, either by moving to a fully subsidized apartment or by increasing your income sufficiently to afford your apartment on your own without the \$400 monthly payment.

## What will I need to do as part of this program?

- ✓ You will be asked to sign a program agreement that outlines our expectations for you.
- ✓ You will work with your case manager to develop a plan to be stable in your housing within one year.
- ✓ You will be required to help look for an apartment, pay your portion of the rent when due, comply with the lease that you sign, and make progress toward your goals.
- ✓ You will be asked to find a way to increase your income so that you can afford your rent without the Shallow Rent subsidy or, if this is not possible, to apply to and move into a fully subsidized apartment when it becomes available.

## I am interested in the Shallow Rent program. How do I apply?

Please reach out to your emergency shelter support staff to request that they complete a referral on your behalf for ACTION Housing to reach out and discuss the program eligibility in more detail.

