



**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING  
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



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# **DHCD Housing and Homelessness COVID Response Efforts**

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## Legislation

- HB 6 (Bourne): Fair Housing and Source of Income
- HB 1420 (Bourne): Cap on late fees
- HB 3 (McQuinn)/SB 66 (McClellan): Fair Housing, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
  - SB 66 incorporated into Virginia Values Act SB 868 (Ebbin)

## Historic Investment in Agency Programs

- Housing Trust Fund
- Eviction Diversion and Prevention Pilot Program
- Funding on hold

# DHCD's HUD CARES Act Appropriation

Program	CARES Act Allocation
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$31,240,596
HOME Investment Partnership	TBD
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)	\$30,977,115
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$178,219
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,395,930</b>

Virginia was recognized nationally for acting quickly to protect the most vulnerable by providing funds for motel/hotel vouchers and for working on a long term effort to focus on permanent housing.



- Supreme Court granted evictions moratorium through June 28 at Governor Northam's request. Governor Northam requested district courts delay eviction related hearing until after July 20
- HB 340: relief for renters and mortgage holders
  - Stayhomevirginia.com
- Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program

- Offers financial assistance in the form of rent and mortgage payments on behalf of households who are experiencing financial instability due to the pandemic.
- Eligible households must demonstrate that their inability to make rent or mortgage payments is related to COVID-19.
- DHCD is utilizing a variety of organizations to administer RMRP, including nonprofits, local governments, quasi-government agencies and others that have a proven track record for providing support to their communities in all parts of the commonwealth.
- \$50 million
- RMRP is a gap measure for households who face eviction or foreclosure.
- From June 29-July 20, priority will be given to households with current gross incomes equal to or below 50 percent of AMI. After July 20, households with current gross incomes at or below 80 percent of AMI will be also be included as a priority.
- Households with an Unlawful Detainer dated prior to June 8 will be considered a top priority.

- Directing interested households to 2-1-1 VIRGINIA which will share with the caller contact info on the RMRP provider in their community and link to Self-Assessment
- Targeting outreach efforts to communities of color
- RMRP Web page - <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp>
  - Outreach materials provided in English and in Spanish
  - Online Self-Assessment Tool - <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp>
- Communications Guide – to assist stakeholders in getting information to their networks