

Family Flex Fund

1. Goals of the Family Flex Fund

- To help family households enrolled in a housing program matched through the Chicago Coordinated Entry System (Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-housing) secure and maintain safe and affordable housing.
- To set families up to be stable in their new home.
- To decrease the amount of time family households spend in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation.
- The assistance should directly alleviate financial barriers that prohibit participants from becoming or remaining housed.

2. Eligibility Criteria:

- Current enrollment in Chicago housing program matched through the Chicago Coordinated Entry System (Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-housing); *please note that this criterion does not stand in cases where HMIS is not used due to specific confidentiality concerns*
- Current or former homelessness (by any definition). *This may be demonstrated by HMIS entry or CES matching email*
- Family (Household including parent(s)/guardian(s) and child(ren) under 18)
- Requested funds will assist in obtaining or maintaining housing stability

3. Types and amounts of assistance

The assistance should directly alleviate financial barriers that prohibit participants from becoming or remaining housed. The funds can be used for:

- Security Deposit/Move-in fee, if not covered by current housing program
- Utility bills: arrears to have service connected and/or help the participant get on a payment plan, if other funds unavailable
- Moving expenses
- Key deposits
- Application/background/credit check fees
- State Identification or Driver's License costs or fees associated with any other documentation that will assist in obtaining housing
- Furniture
- Home items not covered under category of "furniture" such as microwave, fan, dishes, utensils, shower curtain, towels, bedding

This is meant to be a flexible fund. If there is a need that is not explicitly stated on this notice, it should be discussed on a case-by-case basis to determine eligibility.

4. Referral process

- Participating agencies will submit requests to Janiece Johnson, Program Associate at All Chicago (jjohnson@allchicago.org). These requests will be reviewed for eligibility.