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New Year's Day

January 17

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day



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A Message from our Executive Director



Karen R. Wilds
Executive Director

As we enter the holidays, I want to take a moment to wish you a safe and healthy season and to share my gratitude with you. We continue to face many common and yet individually unique challenges. While we have had to change our holiday traditions, we have an opportunity to explore new, diverse celebrations and to reflect and be grateful for the things we do have. Thankfully, the "light at the end of the tunnel" is in sight and I am hopeful 2022 will be easier on all of us.

I urge you to think of ways to make deeper connections with your family, your neighborhood and yourself. Consider new goals and how NNRHA may help you achieve those goals.

Stay safe and healthy in your celebrations. I wish you peace, prosperity and renewed hope in 2022.





**NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
SECTION 504 REQUEST FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION**



PUBLIC HOUSING

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR
MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

Tenant's Name: _____

Complex Name: _____

Address/Apt. #: _____ Zip _____

Telephone #: _____

The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is required by law to provide special services, transfers or modifications to apartments, buildings or grounds to meet the needs of tenants with disabilities. These are called reasonable accommodations. NNRHA may require documentation to support a claim for a reasonable accommodation. The information supplied will be kept confidential pursuant to law.

NNRHA will work with you to determine how to fulfill your request.

Tenant's Signature _____ Date _____

_____ No one in my household has a disability.
(I do not need to complete the rest of this form)

_____ I am not requesting NNRHA to provide an accommodation at this time.

The following person (s) in my household has/have a disability and need one or more of the reasonable accommodations below:

_____ Uses a wheelchair

_____ Uses a walker

_____ Vision impaired

_____ Hearing impaired

_____ Grab bars

_____ Audio visual smoke
Alarm

_____ Door bell light signaler

_____ Other accommodations, please explain:

What You Need To Know About Section 3

Section 3 Act

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u)(as amended), requires that economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance for housing (including Public and Indian Housing) and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons.

Who Are Section 3 Residents?

Other HUD programs covered by Section 3 (to distinguish between HUD Public and Indian housing programs) are those that provide housing or community development assistance for housing rehabilitation, housing construction, or other public construction project.

Public housing residents including persons with disabilities.

Low and very low income persons who live in the area where a HUD assisted project is located.

What is a Section 3 Business?

A section 3 business is one:

That is owned by Section 3 residents
Employs Section 3 residents or;
Subcontracts with businesses that provide opportunities to low and very low income persons.

► What types of Economic Opportunities are available under Section 3?

- Jobs and Employment opportunities
- Training and Educational opportunities
- Contracts and Business opportunities

► Who will provide the Economic Opportunities?

• Recipients of HUD financial assistance and their contractors and subcontractors are expected to develop a Section 3 Plan to assure that economic opportunities to the greatest extent feasible, are provided to low and very low-income persons and to qualified Section 3 businesses. One element of that Plan is the use of a Section 3 clause which indicates that all work performed under the contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3.

► Who receives Economic Opportunities under Section 3?

For training and employment:

- persons in public and assisted housing;
- persons in the affected project neighborhood;
- participants in HUD Youth-build programs;
- ♦ homeless persons.
- ♦

For contracting:

- businesses which fit the definition of a Section 3 business.

► How can individuals and businesses find out more about Section 3?

For contracting opportunities contact:

The Office of Human Affairs
Representative: Emmagene Slade
392 Maple Avenue, P.O. Box 37
Newport News, VA 23607
Phone: 757-247-6747 Fax: 757-380-1269

For training and employment opportunities contact:

Representative: LaSandra Wingate
Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority
P. O. Box 797
Newport News, VA 23607-0797
Phone: 757-928-2628



Scholarship Information

STUDENT
AND
ADULT
LEARNERS

NNRHA SCHOLARSHIP INTEREST FORM

Student Name (Please Print) _____

Student Address _____

Housing Community _____

Student Contact Number _____

High School _____

Current GPA (Grade Point Average) _____

**All interest forms are due by Friday, March 18, 2022.*

Please return the completed form to your rental office or contact Mrs. Charlene Bowser at 757.928.6170 by Friday, March 18, 2022.



Are you a High School senior in need of money for college? Applicants must expect to graduate from an accredited high school in June 2022 with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better in overall academic courses.

Are you an adult interested in going to college, but lack the resources? Well, look no further, NNRHA may have money for you.

Simply complete the Scholarship Interest Form and return it to your rental office. A Scholarship Consultant will contact you.





Information for Tenants

The U.S. Department of Treasury's ("Treasury") Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program makes funding available to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utilities. The funds were provided directly to states, U.S. territories, local governments, and (in case of the first program, ERA1) to Indian tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities, as applicable, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Grantees use the funds to assist eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs.

In guidance and [FAQs](#), Treasury advised that participants in HUD-assisted rental programs (including the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), Public Housing, or Project-Based Rental Assistance programs) are eligible for the ERA program and may receive assistance for the tenant-owed portion of rent or utilities that is not subsidized. In [FAQs](#) for PHAs and HCV landlords, PIH clarified that this assistance can include rent arrearages and utilities owed over the utility allowance. The [FAQs](#) include additional guidance on interim reexaminations, income calculations, and additional considerations for private landlords participating in the HCV program.

To learn more about how to apply for ERA go to: **Virginia Rent Relief Program by visiting:**
<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp> or calling 703-962-1884

You may contact 2-1-1 Virginia to determine the availability of any additional rent relief programs by visiting: <https://211virginia.org> or calling 211.

You may wish to contact your local legal aid program for free legal assistance to low-income people by visiting: <https://www.valegalaid.org/find-legal-help> or calling 1-866-LEGALAID (1-866-534-5243).

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for temporary protection from eviction under the laws of your State, territory, locality, or tribal area, or under Federal law.
Visit <http://www.cfpb.gov/eviction> or call a housing counselor at 800-569-4287 to learn more.

State and local ERA grantees can also be accessed from [Treasury's website](#) using the link "[Find rental assistance in your area.](#)"

Leases may not be terminated due to nonpayment of rent until at least 30 days have passed after a tenant receives this notice.



Struggling to pay your rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

The Virginia Rent Relief Program may be able to help

Virginia is administering relief for renters experiencing a negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP). Through this state program, you can apply (or your landlord may apply on your behalf) to receive funds to pay delinquent rent arrear payments back to April 1, 2020, and up to three months of payments into the future to maintain housing stability. The total payments may not exceed a total of 15 months of rental assistance per household.



Eligibility

The Virginia RRP will provide financial help on behalf of renters who meet the following criteria:

- ☒ Have a valid lease agreement in their name or other documents confirming the landlord-tenant relationship, and live in the unit at time of application
- ☒ Have a rent amount that is at or below **150% Fair Market Rent**
- ☒ Have a gross household income at or below **80% of the area median income**
- ☒ Have experienced a financial hardship directly or indirectly due to the coronavirus pandemic including but not limited to:
 - Being laid off
 - Place of employment has closed
 - Reduction in hours of work
 - Loss of spousal/child support
 - Inability to find work due to COVID-19
 - Having to stay home with children due to distance learning / closure of day care or school
 - Increase in expenses due to COVID-19, such as child care, medical bills, etc.
 - Unwilling or unable to participate in previous employment due to the workplace's high risk of severe illness from COVID-19



Required documents

You'll need the following as proof of eligibility:

- ☒ Proof of income (for example: pay stubs, bank statements, letter from employer, Social Security documents, pension)
- ☒ Valid lease or other documentation of landlord-tenant relationship
- ☒ Rent ledger (landlord provides)
- ☒ Completed application and agreements
- ☒ Virginia W-9

Learn More & Apply:

Contact your landlord today to apply on your behalf. This is the quickest way to access rent relief.

Or apply for yourself. Get started on DHCD's website: **dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility**



The Virginia Rent Relief Program is administered through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Virginia Housing is the grantee for landlord-initiated applicants. For more information, visit **dhcd.virginia.gov/rrp**.



¿Luchando para Poder Pagar su Alquiler debido a la pandemia de COVID-19?

Usted podría ser elegible para recibir asistencia financiera a través del Programa de Alivio de Alquiler de Virginia.

Virginia está administrando fondos de alivio para inquilinos que estén experimentando un impacto financiero negativo debido a la pandemia de COVID-19 a través del Programa de Alivio de Alquiler de Virginia (RRP). A través de este programa, usted puede aplicar (o su arrendador puede aplicar a su nombre) para recibir fondos para cubrir los pagos atrasados de su alquiler a partir del 1 de abril de 2020 y hasta tres meses de pagos en el futuro para mantener la estabilidad de la vivienda. Los pagos totales no pueden exceder un total de 15 meses de asistencia para el alquiler por hogar.



Elegibilidad

El RRP de Virginia brindará ayuda financiera a nombre de los inquilinos que cumplan con los siguientes requisitos:

- ☒ Tener un contrato de arrendamiento válido a su nombre u otra documentación que confirme la relación entre el propietario y el inquilino y ocupar la unidad en el momento de la aplicación
- ☒ El pago total del alquiler del hogar es igual o menor al **150% del alquiler justo del mercado**
- ☒ Tener un ingreso familiar bruto igual o menor al **80% del ingreso medio del área**
- ☒ Haber experimentado dificultades financieras (directa o indirectamente) debido a la pandemia de coronavirus, incluyendo, entre otros:
 - Haber sido despedido
 - Su lugar de trabajo ha cerrado
 - Reducción de horas de trabajo
 - Pérdida de la manutención del cónyuge / hijos
 - Incapacidad para encontrar trabajo debido a COVID-19
 - Tener que quedarse en casa con sus niños debido al cierre de la guardería / escuela
 - Aumento en gastos debido a COVID-19, como cuidado de niños, facturas médicas, etc.
 - No estar dispuesto o no poder participar en su empleo anterior debido a que su enfermedad lo hace ser considerado de alto riesgo al contagio de COVID-19



Documentos requeridos

Necesitará lo siguiente como prueba de elegibilidad:

- ☒ Comprobante de ingresos (por ejemplo: recibos de pago, estados de cuenta bancarios, carta del empleador, documentos del seguro social, pensión)
- ☒ Contrato de arrendamiento válido u otra documentación que compruebe la relación propietario-inquilino
- ☒ Libro de contabilidad de alquiler
- ☒ Solicitud y acuerdos completados
- ☒ W-9 de Virginia

Aprenda Más y Aplique:

Comuníquese con su arrendador hoy para que presente una solicitud a su nombre. Esta es la forma más rápida de acceder al alivio del alquiler.

O aplique usted mismo. Comience visitando el sitio web de DHCD: dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility



El programa de alivio de alquiler de Virginia es administrado a través del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de Virginia. Virginia Housing es el administrador para las solicitudes iniciadas por el propietario. Para obtener más información, visite dhcd.virginia.gov/rrp.

Family Investment Center

FREE TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Family Investment Center offers free training in the following courses:

- CNA;
- Self-Paced Typing;
- Employability Skills Workshops;
- Resume and Interviewing Prep;
- Job Lead Assistance;
- Homeownership.

The Family Investment Center

Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
757.928.3680

MISSION STATEMENT



The mission of the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is to create affordable housing, viable neighborhoods, and opportunities for self-sufficiency that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Newport News.

PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

Centro de Trabajo Para la Familia ofrece los Cursos que sigue:

- Mecanografía;
- Habilidades de obrero;
- Ayuda con su resumen y su entrevista;
- Como se encuentra trabajo;
- Como encontrar y poseer una casa.

Centro de Trabajo
Para La Familia

Lunes—Viernes

8 de la mañana-
4:30 de la tarde

757.928.3680 ingles
757.928.6146 espanol

Although no
one can go back
and make a
brand new start,
anyone can
start from now
and make a
brand new
ending.

— — Carl Bard

REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE



If you or anyone you know and love is affected by substance abuse help is available.

We all know the heartache and devastation that drugs can bring to our families.

Program Name	Services	Payment
Tidewater Area Hot Line 459-8467	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
Narcotics Anonymous VA Regional Hot Line 1-800-777-1515	Support group for recovering substance abusers.	No fees
Hampton Roads Clinic Reflections 827-8430	Outpatient Counseling I.V. Methadone Maintenance 30-45 day Residential Facility	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
Project Link 245-0217	Case management and coordination services for prenatal abuser	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
AI Anon/Alateen 1-888-425-2666 AA Hotline 595-1212	Support group Alcoholism-friends/relatives and teens. 12 Step Program	No fees No fees
Peninsula Area Help Line 875-9314	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees

FILING A COMPLAINT...



Here is the Customer Service

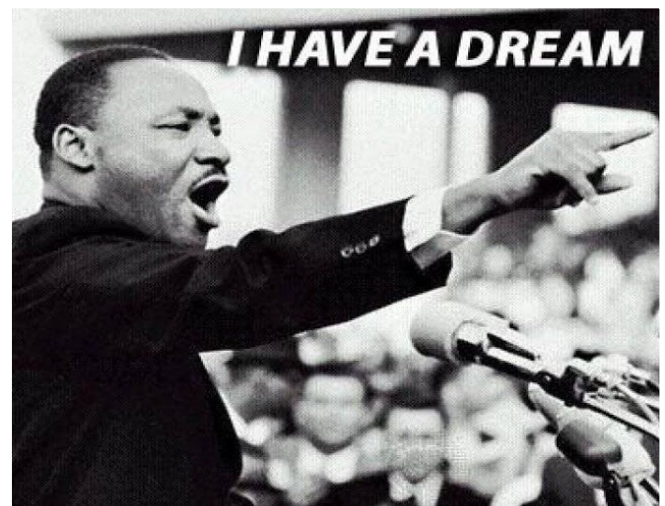
Hotline Number:

757-928-6063 or 757-928-3680

A TENANT HOTLINE IS A FREE SERVICE FOR TENANTS LIVING IN PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. WHEN FILING A COMPLAINT, YOU MUST STATE YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND SPEAK AS SLOWLY AND CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

WE WILL CALL YOU BACK WITHIN 72 HOURS REGARDING YOUR CONCERNS.

THANK YOU

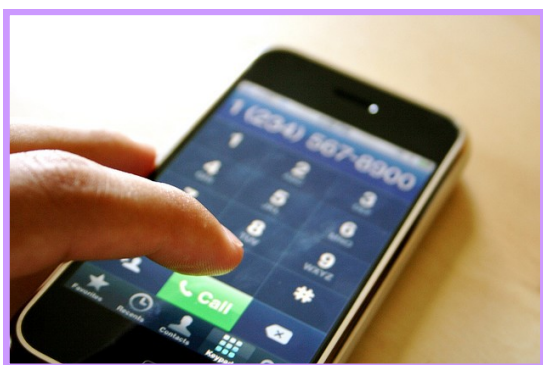


GOAL: Let this year represent positive change in your life. Let's strive to live peaceful with our neighbors and our brother man.

After Hours Guidelines

Public Housing

Marshall	(757) 928-6154
Spratley House	(757) 928-6187
Ashe Manor	(757) 928-6187
Aqueduct	(757) 833-5700
Pinecroft	(757) 269-4300
Orcutt Townhomes I	(757) 928-6187



*Marshall (757) 928-6181

Tax Credit Properties

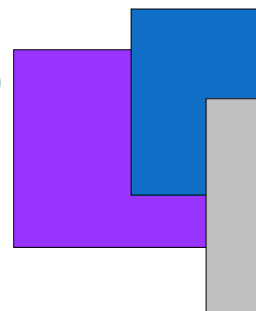
Oyster Point/Brighton	(757) 269-4307
Brighton	(757) 591-3280
Cypress Terrace	(757) 833-5720
Orcutt Townhomes III	(757) 928-6187
Lassiter Courts	(757) 928-2690
Great Oak	(757) 592-7445
Jefferson Brookville	(757) 928-2690

***USE ONLY AS AN
ALTERNATE NUMBER**

**Please use this number ONLY after
5:00 p.m. 247-0484**



Manager's Corner



General Overtime Guidelines

Maintenance staff will respond to the following calls:

1. Gas Leaks;
2. Electrical Problems;
3. Smoke Detector;
4. Power Outages (only at Pinecroft, Ashe Manor, Spratley House and Marshall);
5. No Heat between 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 am on Sunday or holidays if the next day is a working day. If the next day is not a working day, accepts calls until 6:00 p.m.
6. Floods and Sewer Problems;
7. Broken Windows;
8. Collapsed ceiling or damaged roofs;
9. Commode stopped up (if two in apartment hold to next day if that is a normal business day);
10. Lock Out/Lock Change;
11. Damaged Exterior Doors;
12. Fire.

Note to Residents: If you believe the situation can wait until the next day, call first thing in the morning.





Coronavirus Update from the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank

During times of crisis, the Foodbank plays an important role in meeting community needs. In response to the coronavirus, the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank has been working to provide food to people who might otherwise go hungry.

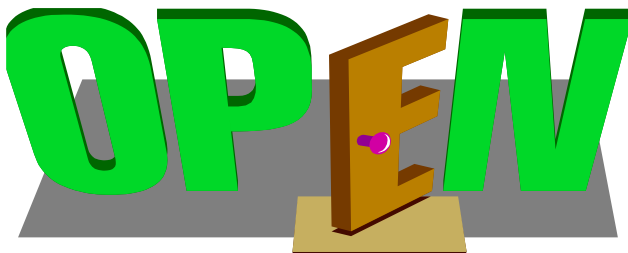
The Foodbank's Mobile Food Pantry Program is distributing food in high-traffic spots across the peninsula and they are working with partner agencies to ensure people receive the food they desperately need. The team from the Foodbank's Culinary Training Program is preparing breakfast and lunch grab-and-go bags for children throughout our local area. The Foodbank has also hosted several large-scale public food distribution events to help individuals and families struggling to locate healthy meals. During a distribution event in Newport News last week, they provided food to support 500 households.

If you are struggling to get the food you and your family need, please visit the Get Help page on the Foodbank's website to locate a mobile food pantry or partner agency that can help. Please call prior to visiting to confirm hours of operation, as distribution plans change quickly and without much notice.

Due to the increased demand for food in grocery stores, the Foodbank has seen a significant decrease in food pick-ups and store donations, which means personal donations are even more important. You can still drop food donations off at their Hampton headquarters at 2401 Aluminum Avenue. All donations are quarantined for 72 hours before they are available to be distributed. You can make a monetary donation to help purchase truckloads of supplies, donate through YouGiveGoods or purchase through online retailers to ship items directly to the Foodbank's doors. For additional information on any of these options, you can contact Tracy Hansbrough at thansbrough@hrfoodbank.org.



We encourage you to self-report illness or quarantine if you are not feeling well. This will prevent spreading the COVID 19 to your loved ones and friends.



The waiting list for housing assistance at the Warwick SRO is open for single room occupancy only.

Please call (757) 928-6060, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment.



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★ FREE TAX ★ PREPARATION ★ SERVICES

TIRED OF PAYING HIGH TAX PREPARATION FEES?

NEED HELP FILLING OUT YOUR TAX RETURN?

College Students

Teenagers

VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program sponsored by the Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority will help prepare and file your basic returns for **FREE!**

Part-Time Employees

Seasonal Employment

Free Tax Preparation will begin in February 2022



For more details, please call FIC at 928-3680