

INFORMATION FOR RENTERS

LANDLORD MITIGATION RESERVE PROGRAM

Individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder often have difficulty finding and securing safe, decent, and affordable housing. To help address this problem, the Governor's Office, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) have partnered to create the Landlord Mitigation Reserve Fund.

This program is designed to help individuals in recovery and with a felony on their record that relates to their Substance Use Disorder (SUD) to find housing.

IMPORTANT NOTE: THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

Eligibility requirements

- At least one felony on one's record, with the charge having some relationship to prior SUD.
- No pending charges or open cases for at least one year (12 months).
- At least one year (12 months) of consistent employment within the last year. A gap in employment of up to a month is allowable.
- At least one year (12 months) of treatment and/or recovery
- Maintained good standing with any criminal justice entities including, but not limited to: parole, probation, work release, problem courts, and house arrest.
- Documentation of all the above conditions, as well as any necessary Release of Information documents.

How the program works

STEP 1 – APPLY

Individuals who meet the eligibility requirements listed above are encouraged to apply for the program by visiting www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/addiction-services/landlord-mitigation-reserve-program.

STEP 2 – SEARCH

A member of the DMHA team will help eligible individuals with searching for affordable rental housing using the www.indianahousingnow.org webpage along with a list of properties that have agreed to participate in the program.

STEP 3 – SECURE HOUSING

DMHA will provide a certification that should be used when applying for available rental housing units. This certification provides added assurance to landlords that the eligible individual will pay their rent and follow other terms of the lease agreement.

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