



**Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc. (BRLS)** is a nonprofit charitable civil legal aid program providing free legal assistance in civil matters of critical importance to low-income residents of the Shenandoah Valley and Roanoke Valley.

# 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 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*
- Landlord's Virginia W-9 Form*

**THE APPLICATION IS FREE,  
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE!**

Call **Jenny Utley** and she will gladly help you fill out and submit your Rent Relief Program (RRP) application.

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