



Rental Assistance Program (RAP) Landlord FAQ's

1. What is the Rental Assistance Program?

The Rental Assistance Program (RAP) offers Landlords and eligible tenant's financial benefits for Montgomery County households who qualify for this support. Potential applicants must be referred to our program and meet current eligibility requirements.

2. What does this subsidy cover?

RAP provides financial support from \$100-\$503 monthly, based on household income and rental amount.

3. How long does this subsidy last?

The rental subsidy is designed to renew annually if the tenant's income and rental amount are not over program limits.

4. Who is eligible for the program?

The RAP program is available to the following households:

- You must be a Montgomery County resident.
- Must be experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.
- Have a disability or be age 55 or above.
- Meets income eligibility requirements.

5. Can the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) assist with room rentals?

Yes, however, the rental unit cannot be owned by the tenant's relative (per RAP guidelines) or a relative who lives in the home. Each room rental must have their own lease, otherwise, we would need to obtain all documentation from the entire household and consider their income as well.

6. Does the Landlord need to apply with the county to receive checks?

Yes, you would need to register with the Montgomery County Client Vendor Registration System (CVRS).

7. Does the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) provide case management?

No, RAP does not provide case management.

8. What happens when my tenant needs to recertify their benefits?

All tenants are sent recertification packets several months before the subsidy is set to expire. The tenant will be assigned an eligibility worker to assist the tenant in the renewal process. Once the packet is received it will be processed and if eligible, the tenant will receive the benefit for another year.

9. How will I be paid?

Checks will be made out monthly to the landlord AND tenant and sent via mail, from the County.

10. What should my tenants do if they have questions about the program?

Your tenant should contact their worker or email the program at: RAP@montgomerycountymd.gov

11. Who should I contact if I have questions about rental payments?

Please reach out to RAP@montgomerycountymd.gov or call the main line at 240-777-4400.

12. Where can I get more information about my rights and responsibilities as a landlord?

Landlords can access the Office of Landlord and Tenant Affairs (OLTA) or use the Maryland Courts website for more information about their rights and responsibilities as a landlord. Links for both websites are included below:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/housing/landlordtenant/index.html> (OLTA)

<https://www.mdcourts.gov/legalhelp/housing> (Maryland Courts).