Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP)

The Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP) provides incentives to landlords with rental properties in the City of San Diego (ZIP Code 92037 and ZIP Codes that begin with 921, excluding 92118) who rent to families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

LEAP works directly with landlords and property managers to secure housing units. LEAP also partners with about 35 service providers who operate rental assistance programs. LEAP provides housing search and placement services for the service provider’s client, issues incentives to landlords who rent to clients, and can pay move-in costs on behalf of the client. Types of assistance are based on the client’s need and the service provider’s resources.

LEAP is an important part of HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC’s homelessness action plan.

Landlord Incentives

- **Pre-inspection** – Certification good for 60 days; unit does not need to be occupied
- **Payments** – $500 for the first apartment rented to a family or individual experiencing homelessness; $250 for each additional unit
- **Contingency Fund** – A contingency fund to help landlords cover expenses, such as repairs that exceed security deposits
- **Free Online Rental Listings** – Including photos, map and information about rents and community information
- **Landlord selects tenant applicant** – Landlords retain the right to pre-screen and select the tenants.
- **Landlord liaison** – SDHC housing specialists answer landlords’ questions.

Assistance for Households

- Housing search and placement services
- **Application/Credit Check Assistance** – Financial assistance for credit checks and application fees
- **Security Deposits/Utility Assistance** – Up to two times the contract rent in security deposits and an average of $100 in utility assistance per household
- **Financial assistance for move-in costs**, such as holding fees and moving and storage costs

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