



Housing Instability Prevention Program

The Housing Instability Prevention Program (HIPP) helps pay rent and other housing-related expenses for families in the City of San Diego with low income, experiencing a housing crisis and at risk of homelessness. The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) operates HIPP for the City of San Diego with funding the San Diego City Council allocated specifically for the creation and continuation of this program.

Funding is limited. HIPP currently can assist up to 300 eligible households.

Contact

Households that need assistance should contact SDHC's HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO phone hotline.

Phone: **(619) 578-7768**

How It Works

SDHC provides enrolled households with \$250, \$500, \$750 or \$1,000 per month toward their rent, depending on the household's circumstances.

HIPP also provides case management and assists with housing-related expenses, such as past-due rent and past-due utilities, depending on the household's need. These payments are made directly to the landlord or utility company.

Enrolled households receive assistance for up to 24 months.

Who is Eligible?

Immigration status does not affect eligibility for this program. Program participants are required to meet the following criteria when they join the program:

- Must be a leaseholder and living in the City of San Diego
- Spending more than 40 percent of their gross income on housing in San Diego.
- After the rent subsidy is applied, the household cannot spend more than 80 percent of its income on rent.
- Experiencing a housing crisis, such as facing eviction, and at risk of homelessness.
- No alternative housing options.
- Lack the money and support network to resolve their housing crisis.
- Household income is at or below 80 percent of San Diego's Area Median Income, currently \$121,250 per year for a family of four.
- Assets such as bank accounts or retirement savings that total less than \$2,000.
- Do NOT currently receive ongoing rental assistance from another program.
- Additional criteria apply.

In addition, HIPP gives priority to the following types of participants:

- Age 55 or older
- Any age with a disability
- Families with a child age 17 and younger
- Transition-age youth (ages 18 -24)



Housing Stability Plan

The Housing Stability Plan outlines activities that address how the participant will maintain housing stability and retain permanent housing after HIPP's assistance ends. It incorporates:

- Short- and long-term housing goals that outline tasks for both participants and staff, including connecting to resources and submitting needed referrals, establishing timeframes for completion and statuses
- Ongoing review of participant's budget, including projections that assist the participant in assuming full rent payments after assistance ends

The plan must be developed with the participant and updated as significant changes in the participant's circumstances are identified.

Additional Services

Program participants will receive case management services to help with housing placement and stability.

Case management includes:

- Assessment of strengths, needs and barriers to stable housing
- Connection to mainstream resources, such as affordable housing units
- Development of a Housing Stability Plan
- Development of a household budget
- Housing search assistance
- Landlord Liaison
- Move Expenses: pays for application fees, holding deposits, security deposits, renter's insurance, and other housing-related expenses to remove barriers to accessing housing quickly

