

# Move-In Assistance and Eviction Prevention Program (MIA&EP) FAQs

1. **Q:** An applicant's adult child has a diagnosed and documented serious mental illness, does that meet the SMI eligibility criteria?

**A:** Yes. The applicant or a household member must have a diagnosed and documented serious mental illness or co-occurring substance use disorder.

2. **Q:** An applicant makes 45% of Area Median Income, are there other programs I can refer the applicant to?

**A:** If the applicant meets other eligibility criteria, they **ARE** eligible for MIAEP. There is **NO** income minimum or maximum.

3. **Q:** An applicant is \$700 behind on rent, can we give the landlord the \$1,000 maximum?

**A:** Funds can only be issued for the documented amount. In this case, \$700.

4. **Q:** An applicant is behind on rent, but they haven't been issued an eviction notice because of the coronavirus pandemic. What do I do?

**A:** During the eviction moratorium a statement of past due amounts will be accepted instead of an eviction notice.

5. **Q:** An applicant is not receiving behavioral health services, are they eligible?

**A:** No, for MIAEP the applicant or a household member must currently be receiving behavioral health services from a Statewide Entity approved provider.

6. **Q:** An applicant is not literally houseless, they are couch surfing, but are running out of places to stay. Are they eligible?

**A:** Yes. If the individual or household will become homeless they are eligible. This includes couch surfing or when a household is "doubled-up."

7. **Q:** An applicant received funds last year, can we help them again?

**A:** The maximum grant amount of \$1,000 can be awarded once every three years. If an applicant received \$500 last year, they could access \$500 this year. After reaching the \$1,000 cap the applicant would need to wait three years.

**8. Q:** An applicant owes a past landlord and that is preventing the applicant from moving into a new unit. Can MIAEP funds be used for past due amounts?

**A:** Yes, MIAEP can be used to pay off past due amounts if the previous obligation is preventing an applicant from securing a new housing unit. The limit of \$1,000 still applies.