

**City of Alexandria, Virginia
FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP
Budget Questions & Answers**

April 1, 2024

Question:

How much did the City distribute in rental assistance in FY 24? What is the scale of resources needed to assist every individual and/or family that applied for rental assistance in FY 24?

Response:

From July 1- March 18th, DCHS has distributed \$762,853 in rental assistance to 317 households to prevent eviction at an average cost of \$2,407 per household. The funding sources and amounts are outlined in the table below.

Funding Source	FY24 Budget	Amount Spent	Number of households assisted	FY24 Funding Balance
General Funds	\$572,325	\$484,883	197	\$87,442
Community Services Block Grant	\$301,283	\$277,970	120	\$0*
Total	\$873,608	\$762,853	317	\$87,442

**Remainder used for utility assistance*

The DCHS Office of Community Services has processed 807 rental assistance applications and anticipates an additional 285, totaling 1092, for Fiscal Year 2024. Approximately 40% of the applicants complete the process and are determined eligible for financial assistance. The causes for applications not being approved include individuals being over income, self-resolving the housing issue, not completing the application process, finding assistance from another source, and landlords not renewing the lease.

The FY 2024 budget of \$873,608 is projected to serve 353 households. At the current assistance request rate, DCHS anticipates a total of 431 households to apply and to be determined eligible. The estimated cost to assist all households would be \$1,037,417, creating a shortfall of \$163,809 for FY 2024.