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Flexible Funds

My Life, My Home, My Community



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Overview

In June 2015 and 2016, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) provided the following Community Services Boards (CSBs) funding to increase accessibility and the availability of integrated, independent housing options for individuals with a developmental disability. Flexible funds will assist individuals that meet ALL of the criteria for the target population with securing or maintaining their own home in the community. The criteria as defined can be reviewed in the Settlement Agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Who Administers Flexible Funds?

The following regional fiscal agents administer Flexible Funds:

Region 1 Agent: Region Ten CSB Contact Name: Leela Lipscombe

Contact Phone Number: (434) 972-1800

Region 2 Agent: Alexandria Contact Name: Phil Caldwell

Contact Phone Number: (703) 746-3380

Region 2 Agent: Arlington Contact Name: La Voyce Reid

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Region 2 Agent: Fairfax Contact Name: Connie Price

Contact Phone Number: (703) 559-3000

Region 2 Agent: Loudoun Contact Name: Beth Mack

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Region 2 Agent: Northwestern Contact Name: Donna Higgs

Contact Phone Number: (540) 636-4250,

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Contact Name: Jackie Jackson Turner Contact Phone Number: (703) 792-7769

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Contact Name: Paula Stone

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Region 3 Agent: New River Valley CSB

Contact Name: Lucy McCandlish

Contact Phone Number: (540) 961-8300

Region 4 Agent: Henrico CSB Contact Name: Michelle Johnson

Contact Phone Number: (804) 727-8500

Region 5 Agent: Hampton Newport-News

CSB (North of Tunnel)

Contact Name: Joy Cipriano

Contact Phone Number: (757) 788-0066

Region 5 Agent: Norfolk CSB (South of Tunnel)

Contact Name: Steve Stewart

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What Expenses Do Flexible

Funds Cover?

Assistance to Remain in Housing

Up to \$5,000 per individual for:

- EMERGENCY RENT PAYMENT & LATE FEES (LIMITED TO 3 MONTHS PER LEASE YEAR)
- LAST RESORT UTILITY ASSISTANCE (Limited to \$500.00 per lease year)
- HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES (Limited to \$500.00 per lease year)
- UNIT REPAIRS (One request per year, not to exceed \$500.00)
- TEMPORARY RELOCATION (One request per year, not to exceed \$2500.00)

Assistance to Obtain Housing Up to \$5,000 per individual for:

- TEMPORARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE
- HOUSING TRANSITION SERVICES & SUPPORT
- NON-REIMBURSABLE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS
- NON-REIMBURSABLE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS
- TEMPORARY SUPPORT STAFFING

How Do I Access Flexible Funds?

Flexible Funds permits fiscal agents to pay for expenses related to obtaining and maintaining housing in two ways:

- The fiscal agent can reimburse the individual (or his/her family) for eligible, out-of-pocket expenses if accompanied by itemized receipts, OR
- 2. The individual can obtain itemized invoices and W-9 forms from vendors, and the CSB can pay the vendors directly.