

How Do You Apply for a "One-Shot Deal" to Help Pay Your Rent Arrears

WHAT IS A "ONE-SHOT DEAL"? A "One-Shot Deal" is emergency financial assistance that can help a tenant who is facing eviction to pay rent. Most one-shot deals are loans that you must pay back with a payment plan. If you receive SSI or have children under 18 in the household, you generally will not have to pay HRA back.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Generally, to be eligible, you must 1) provide a reason why you could not pay your past rent and 2) show how you will pay your rent in the future.

HOW TO APPLY? Go to your local HRA Public Assistance office/Job Center. To find your local office, call 311 or search http://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/faq/339/how-do-i-apply-for-the-one-shot-deal-to-avoid-eviction. If you are in housing court and have received a Marshal's Notice, you can apply at the HRA office in the courthouse. If you are homebound and have a disability, you have a right to complete the application from your home and should call 311 for assistance.

DOCUMENTS TO BRING TO HRA IF YOU ARE FACING EVICTION:

- Court papers (including the stipulation of settlement, if any)
- Current rent breakdown from your landlord (month by month)
- Apartment lease
- Proof of income for everyone in the household (i.e. pay stubs, award letters, notarized employment letter from employer, etc.)
- Birth certificate and social security card for everyone in the household
- Proof of any unforeseen circumstances as to why rent was not paid (i.e. medical bills, proof of loss of income, etc.)
- Check or money order for contributions made towards your total rental arrears
- Commitment letters from charities assisting with your rental arrears
- Proof of your payment of your current month's rent

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