



Police Officer Recruitment Rental Incentive Program - Program Guidelines

Introduction:

The City of Hyattsville's Police Officer Recruitment - Rental Incentive Program provides a rental assistance grant to help new officers live in or closer to the City of Hyattsville.

The pilot officer recruitment - rental incentive program:

The City will provide a rental incentive payment to eligible new police officers. They may receive **\$6,000 per household or \$500 per household/month for 12 months**. This incentive program is a one-time grant to help new officers pay their rent.

Eligible applicants:

To be eligible for assistance, you must be a **City of Hyattsville Police Department officer at the time the grant is awarded**. This pilot program is open to all new entry – level and lateral move police officers. City funds for this pilot program will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, or until funds run out.

Eligible properties:

City rental assistance funds may be used for apartments or rental units located within a 5-mile radius of the Hyattsville City limits. Properties should be well maintained, kept in good shape, and be licensed within the appropriate municipality or County. If awarded, City funds will be paid directly to the landlord/property management company. There is no minimum or maximum rent or restrictions on bedroom size, amenity package or other apartment or rental unit feature.

Rental Assistance Grant Process:

New police officers would submit an "Application for Funds" on the City website (website link would go here). Community, Business & Economic Development

(CBED), Police Department, and Finance staff will review the “Application for Funds” within 3 business days of submission. CBED staff will then provide written confirmation of an award of funds.

If awarded an incentive grant, City funds will then be sent directly to the landlord or property management company monthly in advance of the rent payment deadline (i.e. typically the 1st day of every month). The police officer will be responsible for paying the balance of the rent.

City of Hyattsville incentive grants for rental assistance are not considered income for tax purposes (grant payments are made directly to the landlord/property management company).

The rental assistance grant expires after 12 months from the date of award. Police officers will be asked to complete a short survey at the end of this Pilot program.

Prior to end of lease moves:

The City recognizes that life/work situations change for any number of reasons. If an officer or essential staff moves out of the apartment or rental place prior to the end of the lease, they must notify the City and the grant will end.

Questions:

Please contact the City’s Department of Community and Economic Development / Housing Manager if you have any questions about this rental incentive program (David Cristeal; dcristeal@hyattsville.org or 301-985-5589).