

Moving Allowance Program (MAP) Fact Sheet

What is the Moving Allowance Program (MAP)?

The New York City Council allocated \$250,000 to the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) to help offset moving costs for tenants in HPD's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program who were impacted by HPD's subsidy standard changes.

As a result, HPD has designed MAP to help households who are moving or have moved and meet certain eligibility requirements. HPD will distribute a one-time grant of \$250 to eligible households beginning in January 2015. The program will last only while funds are available. Eligible households may apply at the time they are approved for a new apartment. Eligible households who have already moved prior to 12/31/2014 will receive a check in the mail from HPD. Applications will be processed in the order received, and submission of an application does not guarantee that you will receive a grant. Additional information on the application process is below.

Who is eligible?

HPD will provide a \$250 MAP grant to households who had a voucher size reduction after July 15, 2013 as result of HPD's subsidy standard change AND:

- Had an increase in their share of rent of at least \$100 and will move to a smaller-sized apartment; **OR**
- **Have already completed a move between 7/15/2013 and 12/31/2014** to a smaller-sized apartment (regardless of rent share increase).

How do I apply?

Applications will be available beginning on January 1, 2015. Households who meet preliminary eligibility requirements as determined by HPD and plan to move will receive an application for MAP at the time they are issued a voucher to move. Applications must be completed and returned to HPD with the completed Landlord Package to be considered for eligibility.

Households who have already moved will be issued a check for \$250 directly by HPD which will be sent out via certified mail. There is no application to complete.

If my application is approved, when will I receive money?

If you are eligible, HPD will mail you a check for \$250 after HPD receives the executed HAP contract and signed lease for an apartment that matches your new voucher size, and you have moved to that apartment. Please allow four weeks for processing of this payment after this step has been completed by your new landlord.

Are there other resources to help pay for my moving expenses?

You may be eligible for additional assistance to help cover the partial or full cost of broker's fees, if applicable, your security deposit (a security deposit voucher), assistance with first month's tenant share if needed, or moving costs from the Human Resources Administration (HRA) as emergency assistance (households who do NOT currently receive HRA benefits may still be eligible). To find your local HRA Job Center where you can apply for emergency assistance, please call 3-1-1 or HRA's Infoline at 718-557-1399.

If you have any additional questions about the Moving Allowance Program, please call us at 917-286-4300.

