

What is the MRC Renters' Support Fund?

This fund seeks to aid cost-burdened renters in a low-barrier way.

Who can receive money?

Any cost-burdened renter is eligible for funding. Cost-burdened renters are defined as members of households that spend over one-third of their monthly income on rent.

Is it a loan?

This fund is not a loan program. However, we encourage recipients to consider ways they can give back to the fund, whether it be financially once you're back on your feet, by sharing your story, or by volunteering.

What can the money be used for?

There are no requirements on how you spend the money. Possible uses could go toward utilities payments, rent payments, legal fees for disputes with landlords, household needs, or making ends meet. Recipients will not have to prove or verify how they spent the funds awarded.

How does it work?

To receive funding, you fill out an online application. 6 applicants are chosen randomly to receive \$300 each month for 3 consecutive months, \$900 in total. After the 4 day application window closes, Grace will reach out to you via phone or email to let you know whether you've been selected. If you're selected, Grace will also inform you of next steps. You can expect to be notified within 2 business days of the application closing and to receive payment (if you're selected) within 5 business days.

Can I apply multiple times?

You can apply multiple times, but you may only receive funding from this fund once.

What information do you need?

We simply ask for a demonstration of good faith that you're in need. The website includes a list of suggested documents you can submit to demonstrate that, but if any of those documents are difficult or impossible to provide, please contact the fund administrator, Grace Berke, at grace@ppna.org or call/text 612-460-7407 to make alternate arrangements.

Will this affect my taxes?

That depends, but this will be reported as income for you. You will have to fill out a W9 to receive payment, and then we'll issue a Federal 1099 at the end of 2020. Our support will be treated as miscellaneous income and we will provide this information to the IRS. There will not be a way for us to avoid or circumvent this requirement.

Who is MRC?

The Minneapolis Renters' Coalition is a group of community organizations and leaders who meet quarterly to focus on renters' issues. This includes policy-level changes such as a Renters' Bill of Rights as well as events, advocacy, and fundraising projects.