

KIDS IN THE PARK RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CRITERIA

Criteria for participating households:

- Must currently be leasing or able to lease rental housing in St. Louis Park (no shared housing)
- Have a child or children enrolled/attending a SLP/assigned Hopkins school
- One parent must be employed a minimum of 28 hours per week
- Household must not currently be receiving any other housing assistance or previously participated in the program
- Annual income must be at or below 50% area medium income (AMI) at intake, income must be below 100% AMI at annual recertification
- Rental payments must be current with landlord
- Parents must meet with STEP staff for an economic and social needs analysis, plan establishment, service referral, and case management, as necessary
- Parents/Guardians must be active participant in child's educational progress demonstrated by attending conferences or participating in other equivalent activities

Income Requirement: Current 50% AMI income eligibility requirements by household size.

Effective May 2026

# of Persons	50% AMI
2	\$52,600
3	\$59,200
4	\$65,750
5	\$71,050
6	\$76,300
7	\$81,550
8	\$86,800

Rent Assistance: Households receive rent assistance based on their bedroom size. The rent assistance is a flat payment based on a percentage of HUD's Fair Market Rents. The amount of assistance decreases annually.

Bedroom Size	Months 1 - 12	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th Year
One	\$691	\$552	\$414	\$276
Two	\$843	\$674	\$506	\$337
Three	\$1,122	\$898	\$673	\$449
Four	\$1,257	\$1,005	\$754	\$503

Rents effective: 01/01/2026

In order to begin receiving subsidy families must:

- Sign the Release of Information and Data Privacy Statement
- Sign the Participation Agreement and fulfill obligations laid out in agreement
- Schedule and attend intake appointment with STEP
- Provide any information requested by SLP HA, STEP, or school district related to eligibility

This information is important! If you do not understand the information have someone translate it for you, or call the Housing Authority (HA) at 952.924.2579 to arrange for language assistance. Contact the HA if you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities and you require a specific accommodation to fully utilize our programs and services.