

City of Alexandria, Virginia
FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP
Budget Questions & Answers

April 22, 2025

Question:

How much did the City distribute in rental assistance in FY 2025, and how much has been budgeted for FY 2026? How much additional funding would be required (if any) to assist everyone who applied for rental assistance in FY 2025?

Response:

Emergency rental assistance is available to Alexandria residents who are at risk of eviction due to unexpected income loss and have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. The FY25 rental assistance budget is \$916,882, and as of March 21, 2025, \$633,933.82 of the budget has been expended to assist 216 households in alleviating their housing crisis. The average monthly expenditure is \$79,241. If this rate of spending continues, the total expenditures could reach \$871,656. It is possible that the need for rental assistance could increase due to federal policy shifts, but it is not possible at this time to estimate the amount of additional funding that might be needed.

Funding Source	FY 25 Rent Assistance Provided Year to Date	Proposed FY26
Community Services Block Grant	\$236,067.94	\$330,750
General Fund	\$258,101.63	\$472,375
Rental Resiliency - ARPA	\$139,764.25	N/A
Total	\$633,933.82	\$803,125.00