

# Newcomer Rental Subsidy Program

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### Program Overview

The Newcomer Rental Subsidy Program was created to help refugees and other newcomers with rental subsidy payments to assist with housing security in Michigan.

- ✓ Only one application per household will be approved
- ✓ Subsidy amounts range from \$300-\$500 depending on household size
- ✓ Subsidy will cover a maximum of 12 months of payments
- ✓ Payments will be made directly to the landlord via the State's payment system, SIGMA

## Program Requirements

Have an eligible immigration status

One adult member of the household must be eligible to work in the United States or have applied for authorization to work in the United States

Applicant or other adult member of the household must be employed or willing to enroll in an employment readiness program

Household income must be at or below 85% of the Federal Poverty Limit

### Required Verification Documents

Verification of rent obligation

- Lease
- Office of Global Michigan's Rental Verification Form

Immigration Documents

Picture Identification\*

Employment Authorization Document or Employment Authorization Document Application\*

Verification of Income\*

### Accepted Immigration Documents

### Include, but is not limited to:

- I-94, arrival/departure record
- I-766, employment authorization document
- I-551, permanent resident card, green card
- United States Visa, migrant categories
- Asylum pending or asylum approval letter
- Court documents, indicating immigration status
- Trafficking Certification Letter









## Other Requirements



Continued eligibility at regular intervals throughout the program



Attend a financial empowerment class



Complete an assessment and survey at the end of the program



Inform the Office of Global Michigan of Changes

Employment Status Change of Address Household Composition

### Application Process & Timeline

1

Apply

Submit application online, via email, or through USPS 2

Submit Verifications

Submit required verifications to

LEO-RefugeeServices @michigan.gov 3

Application Review

Application is reviewed for eligibility.

Email correspondence if additional information or documents are needed.

4

Application Determination

Application determination will be sent to applicant via email.

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Payment Issued

Payment will be issued to the landlord through the State payment system.

### How can you help?



Spread the word about the program, share or post flyers

Assist those in your community with the application and submission of required documents

Encourage landlords to sign up in SIGMA to receive payments

Assist household in completing the program survey and assessment

Provide feedback to Global Michigan on how we can improve the program

## Program Flyer



#### APPLY FOR MONTHLY RENTAL ASSISTANCE



#### WELCOME, NEWCOMERS!

Help is available to address the challenge affordable housing poses to newly arriving refugees and other newcomer populations as well as local community partners and sponsors who provide resettlement support.



#### RENT HELP, UP TO \$500

Apply for rental assistance, between \$300 and \$500 a month (based on household size) for up to 12 months, as well as financial empowerment training opportunities to participants.



### **APPLY TODAY**

The Office of Global Michigan is accepting applications. Learn more about program eligibility, requirements, and apply online.

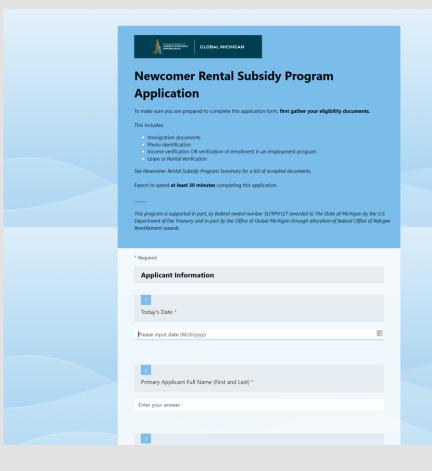


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For questions, please contact: LEO-RefugeeServices@michigan.gov

## Online Application



## Paper Application



#### **Newcomer Rental Subsidy Program Application**

The Newcomer Rental Subsidy Program provides rental subsidy support for refugees and other newcomer populations resettled in Michigan. Before filling out this application form, ensure you have all required eligibility documents (immigration documents; photo identification; income verification or verification of enrollment in an employment program; and leave or rental verification). Once you have completed this application form, both the completed application and copies of required eligibility documents can be emailed to LEO-refugeeservices@michigan.gov or mailed to Office of Global Michigan, 10.5 W. Allegan St., Lansing MI 48933.

Primary Applican	t Name			
	Last/Family Name	First/Given Name	Middle Name	
Primary Phone		Secondary Phone		
Fmail Address				
Current Address				
	Street Address		Apt.#	
	City	State	Zip Code	
Do you intend to use subsidy rent assistance at the current address? (circle one)				
If "No," please sh	hare the address where you inten	d to use subsidy rent assistance:		
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