

# Greater Victoria Housing Security & Rent Bank Program

## What is a Rent Bank?

A Rent Bank provides financial assistance to low-income individuals and families experiencing a short-term financial crisis.

Financial assistance is provided in the form of a repayable loan to households at risk of eviction for reasons such as non-payment of rent or facing a loss of essential utilities.








Rent Banks can also help by providing funds to secure housing.











## Loan Amounts

Cover rent and/or essential utilities  
up to \$3,000 maximum

## What can the funds be used for?






-  **Past Due Rent**
-  **Security or Pet Deposit**
-  **First Month's Rent**  
To help people access housing
-  **Next Month's Rent**
-  **Overdue Essential Utilities**
-  **Moving Expenses\*\***  
To support people moving to more sustainable, safer housing
-  **Basic Needs\*\***  
Assistance with groceries and other household necessities approved in exceptional circumstances

## Eligibility requirements

-  **19 years of age or older**
-  **Resident of OR moving to\* the Greater Victoria Area**  
(if seeking security deposit or first month's rent)
-  **A current bank account**
-  **A regular source of verifiable income**  
(sufficient to cover living expenses.)
-  **Meet low-income requirements\*\***
-  **Evidence funds will stabilized housing for at least 90 days**
-  **No more than 2 months behind in rent and/or utilities\*\***
-  **Ability to repay loan and manage any outstanding debts**

\*\* Exceptions may be made in exceptional circumstances if all other eligibility criteria are met.

## What you need to provide

-  2 pieces of **valid identification**, one of which must be government-issued with a photo.
-  3 months of statements for **ALL bank accounts and credit cards**
-  **Proof of tenancy** or proof of intent to rent
-  **Proof of income**
-  **Eviction notice or utility disconnection notice** (if applicable)

Please note: Other documents may be required depending on the applicant's situation

For more information on this program, please visit [www.communitycouncil.ca/rentbank](http://www.communitycouncil.ca/rentbank) or contact the Housing Security & Rent Bank Program Case Managers:

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