



TEMPORARY POSITIONS

The Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions for the St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix Districts:
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REVIEWER
(16 Employees Needed - 8 in the St. Thomas/St. John District & 8 in the St. Croix District)

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Eligibility Reviewer is responsible for application processing for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- ⇒ Conduct Level 2 quality control review of rental assistance application to ensure that all documents necessary to complete eligibility determination and calculation of benefit amount are in file; identify issues or missing information/documents and refer file to “Chase Team” for resolution, as needed.
- ⇒ Complete preliminary determination of applicant eligibility
- ⇒ Contact provider(s) – i.e., landlord or utility company – to verify applicant’s account balance and to obtain requisite payment documents.
- ⇒ Calculate recommended benefit amount.
- ⇒ Prepare draft correspondence to applicant and provider, as appropriate, utilizing template letters.
- ⇒ Transmit file to Eligibility Team Manager for review and first level approval.
- ⇒ Update running case record (case notes) with relevant information.
- ⇒ Prepare weekly report summarizing file reviews conducted, application status/disposition.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND SKILLS REQUIRED:

Education: Associates Degree in Social Work or related field desirable

Experience: 3-5 years of experience as a caseworker in a public or non-profit social service or housing agency. An equivalent combination of education and experience

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities: Excellent customer service skills; Bilingual proficiency in Spanish or Haitian Creole desirable; Knowledgeable in the area of intake interviewing and eligibility determination; Ability to multi-task, work collaboratively in a team-oriented environment and problem-solve; Computer literate to include Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook; Excellent oral and written communication skills and analytical abilities; Ability to be flexible and work under pressure; Ability to work harmoniously with other agency personnel; Ability to maintain confidentiality in all assignments; Ability to read and interpret program regulations and related technical guidance and apply, as necessary, to ensure program compliance; and a Valid Virgin Islands Driver’s License

SALARY: \$20.00 per hour; no benefits

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES:

Interested applicants must submit an application, cover letter, resume/vitae and three (3) current professional letters of recommendation. During the Stay-at-Home period, application packages will only be accepted electronically at hr@vihfa.gov. Signed original documents will be accepted at our Office at a later date. Employment applications can be downloaded from our website at www.vihfa.gov.

Deadline for submittal of application package is Friday, July 16, 2021; however, this position will remain open until filled. Incomplete application packages will not be considered. Selected candidates will be contacted for interview.

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