



## **DESCI: COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM**

THE DENVER FOUNDATION

**Thank you for your interest in applying to the DESCi Community Housing Program. Please read the following application information:**

### **ABOUT THE DESCi COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM:**

The DESCi Community Housing Program provides monthly portable rent subsidies to qualified low-income Denver Public Schools' employees, retirees, and members of their immediate families ages 60 and above.

### **RENT ASSISTANCE:**

The DESCi Community Housing Program provides up to \$300 monthly to qualified applicants. If approved, the rent subsidy will be paid directly to the applicant's landlord and may be used for any property in the Denver metropolitan area, provided it meets The Denver Foundation's criteria. The landlord must agree in writing to accept the rent subsidy payment directly.

### **TERM:**

Rent subsidies are generally awarded for a 2-year period. Subsidy recipients must provide evidence of their continued eligibility on a bi-annual basis.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Applicants must be low-income Denver Public Schools' employees, retirees, or members of their immediate families ages 60 and older. Immediate family is defined as a DPS employee's /retiree's spouse/partner, grandparents, parents, siblings, grandchildren, mothers- and fathers-in-law. The applicant must demonstrate financial need for the subsidy. Financial need for the DESCi program is defined by the HUD "Very Low Income" limit, or having an income less than 50% of the most recent HUD Median Family Income for the Denver metropolitan area. For 2020, those limits are as follows: 1 person \$35,000; 2 persons \$40,000. Applicants must provide documentation to verify income, eligibility, DPS relationship, and need.

### **RESTRICTIONS:**

1. Applicants and their spouses/companions will be limited to rent assistance for one apartment only.
2. Rental housing must be in the Denver metropolitan area (not just Denver County).
3. DPS service should be significant, defined as five years of full-time service or more.
4. Only one subsidy at a time is allowed for each DPS employee/retiree.
5. Housing may not be owned by applicant's family members.

**NOTE:** The DESCi Community Housing Program does not conduct any inspections of properties or impose any conditions on the landlords. The terms of the lease are entirely between the landlord and the tenant.

**Please complete the enclosed application and return it, together with your 2019 Federal Tax Return (Form 1040) or Social Security Statement or PERA Statement, to the following email OR mailing address:**

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