



DESCI: COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM

THE DENVER FOUNDATION

Thank you for your interest in applying to the DESCi Community Housing Program.

ABOUT THE DESCi COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM:

The DESCi Community Housing Program provides monthly rent subsidies to qualified low-income senior citizens who worked for Denver Public Schools for five or more years. Rent subsidies are generally set at \$350 per month. Subsidies are 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 awarded for a 2-year period. Subsidy recipients must reapply to renew every 2 years.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants must be low-income senior citizens who have worked for Denver Public Schools for five or more years.

- Senior citizen is defined as 60 years or older.
- Low-income 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 2021, those limits are as follows: 1 person \$36,700; 2 persons \$41,950.

DPS employees with 5+ years tenure may apply for a subsidy on behalf of a low-income senior citizen in their immediate family. Immediate family is defined as a DPS employee’s spouse/partner, grandparents, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren, or mothers- and fathers-in-law. Documentation of the relationship is required. Each DPS employee is eligible for one subsidy, so they cannot receive a subsidy themselves and also apply for a subsidy on behalf of family.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1. Rental housing must be in the Denver metropolitan area (not just Denver County).
2. Subsidy recipient must be named on a formal lease agreement.
3. 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.

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

	Completed 2-page application form and 1-page DPS Employment Verification Authorization
	Copy of your driver’s license or other current photo ID with your birthdate
	Copy of your most recent Federal Tax Return (Form 1040) or Social Security Statement or PERA Statement
	Copy of your current lease

Please submit all required documents for consideration to the following email, fax, or mailing address:

Email: DESCI@denverfoundation.org

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