

ACS HOUSING SUBSIDIES



The **Administration for Children's Services (ACS)** protects and promotes safety and well-being of New York City's children and families by providing child welfare, juvenile justice, and early care and education services.

OVERVIEW: THE ACS HOUSING SUBSIDY CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS

PART A: ONE-SHOT HOUSING SUBSIDY OR "SPECIAL GRANT(S)"

There are two (2) "one-shot" Housing Subsidies. Young person should apply for both.

- **A move-in grant of up to \$1,800**
Can be used for the security deposit, first month rent, broker's fee, moving expenses, and/or furniture
- **A grant of up to \$1,800 for rent arrears**
Can only be used one time

For both "one shot" payment grants, youth cannot be older than 21.5 years-old to apply

PART B: MONTHLY RECURRING HOUSING SUBSIDY FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE OF \$300 PER MONTH

Grant cannot be used if over 21 years-old OR for NYCHA/Section 8, *making it rarely utilized by youth aging out of foster care*

Mini-Glossary

ARREARS:
money that is owed and should have been paid earlier

MEMORANDUM OF ATTESTATION:
documents provider's determination that the youth is programmatically eligible for the requested subsidy

ELIGIBILITY FOR HOUSING SUBSIDIES:

- Minimum age: 18 years old**
- Maximum age: 21 years and 6 months old**
- APPLA goal**
- Young person is being discharged from foster care or has recently discharged from care**



Young person **moving into supportive housing** is only eligible for \$645 of the \$1,800 move-in grant, not the full \$1,800

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Housing Specialist should apply for Housing Subsidy (Special Grant) as soon as:

- The young person receives a letter of intent from NYCHA
- The young person receives an acceptance letter from supportive housing

Youth do not need to apply in person:

The housing specialist should contact Paul Williams (paul.williams@acs.nyc.gov) at ACS to apply

Memorandum of Attestation:

When youth applied for housing, the agency submitted a signed **Memorandum of Attestation**

See [Appendix I4 Memorandum of Attestation](#)

- Once the agency requests the Housing Subsidy for furniture and move in expenses, ACS (Paul Williams) completes the remainder of this form

If requesting the Housing Subsidy for a one-time grant for housing arrears (aka rent arrears)

- The request must be noted in the email sent to ACS (Paul Williams paul.williams@acs.nyc.gov)
 - Email should include a copy of the lease along with a breakdown from the landlord stating the amount owed.
 - Email should include youth's CIN and date of birth
- Per ACS policy, if the youth is over 21 years and 6 months of age they do not qualify for this grant and should follow up with HRA for assistance.