

Rental Assistance

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PRC (Prevention, Retention, and Contingency)

PRC is a program administered by Cuyahoga County designed to provide onetime assistance for emergency situations. Find out how to apply and eligibility criteria [here](#).

If you are facing an eviction or foreclosure, PRC can help you pay rent and/or deposit, either to move or stay where you live. The PRC Program is managed by the Cuyahoga County Dept. of Employment and Family Services (DEFS). If you have a DEFS caseworker, call your worker to apply for PRC. If you don't have a caseworker, call (216) 987-7000 and ask about PRC.

Be Careful

The PRC application will ask you for information about you and your family. Make sure to answer all the questions in the application. **Carefully** answer the two questions in the middle of the PRC application.

Question #1 of the PRC application states: "Explain the specific change in circumstances that occurred in the last year that led to your PRC application, and give the amount you are requesting." Answer this question on a separate piece of paper and explain these four things:

What problem in your life caused you to need PRC?
 What have you done to help yourself overcome the problem?
 How will you be able to pay your rent every month if you receive PRC?
 How much PRC money will you need?

****The back of this flyer has examples of how to answer questions 1 of your PRC application.**

Question #2 of the PRC application asks: for the names of three other places you have tried to get help from. If you haven't called three other places for help, call First Call for Help at (216) 436-2000. First Call for Help can give you the phone numbers of three agencies that you can call for help. After you call the three agencies, write the names of the agencies on question two of your PRC application.

How to File Your PRC Application

Once you have finished filling out your PRC application, give the application to your caseworker, or take it to the office where you picked up the application. If your PRC is denied, you will get a letter telling you how to file an appeal. Make sure you file an appeal if you think the denial was fair.

Example of a PRC form:

Two Examples of How to Answer Question #1 on Your PRC Application

Example 1:

"I need 450 dollars to pay my rent for the month of March. I fell behind on my rent because I lost my job in January. Since then, I have found a new job. My new job will pay me 8 dollars per hour, so I will make enough money to pay my 450 dollar rent. I start my new job on April 2nd."

This answer explains the four required pieces of information on the PRC form: