

City of Richmond Eviction Diversion Program(EDP) Progress Update



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Program Partners

The Eviction Diversion Program is a collaborative partnership.

- City of Richmond
- Central Virginia Legal Aid Society
- Greater Richmond Bar Foundation
- Housing Opportunities Made Equal of VA





EDP Project Scope

The EDP strategy is a multi-level approach that includes:

1. Pro Bono Attorney/
Voluntary Conciliators
2. Financial Assistance
3. Housing Counseling
4. Supportive Services

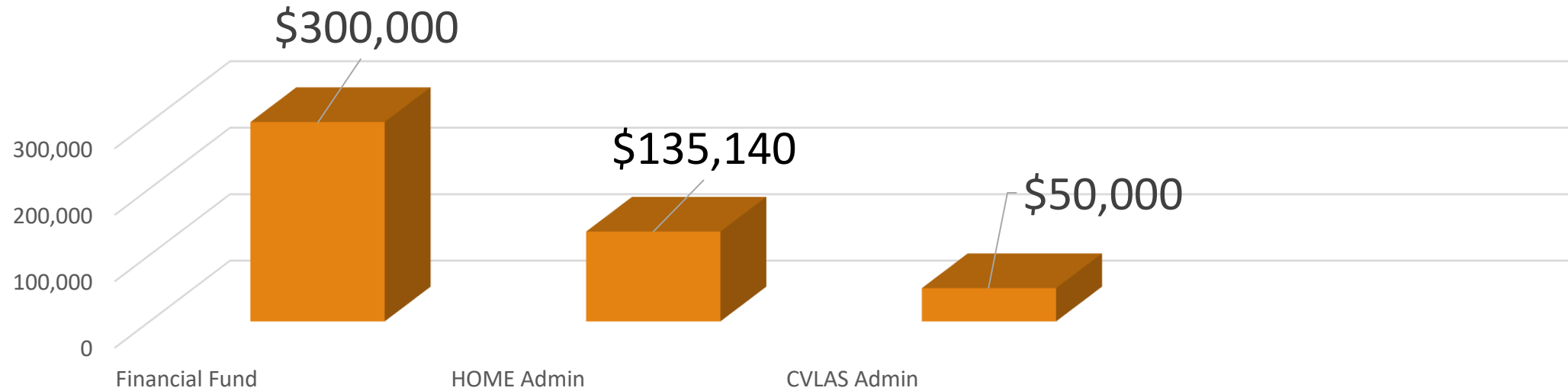
Program Objectives

Primary Goal - Divert 300 Evictions Annually

- Reduce the number of evictions of low-income persons from their residential dwelling units for the failure to pay small amounts of money under the rental agreement.
- Diminish the displacement of families from their homes and the resulting adverse consequences to children who are no longer able to remain in the same public school after eviction.
- Encourage an understanding of eviction-related processes through conciliation and education by facilitating the landlord's and tenant's agreement with a reasonable payment plan.



Eviction Diversion Program Budget \$485,140



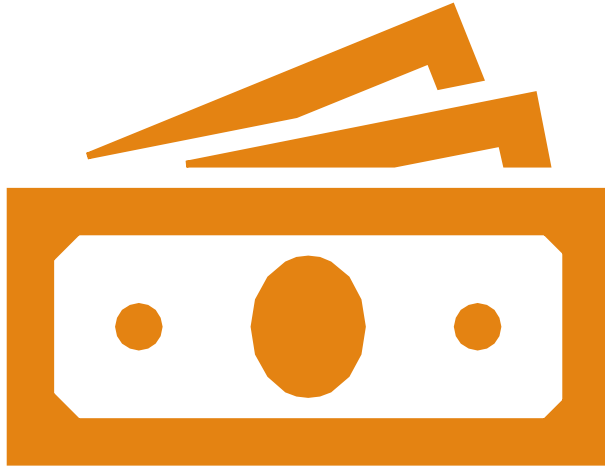
Program Funding

Program Performance Progress

	Tenants Receiving Financial Assistance	Average Assistance Amount	Total Financial Disbursements
October	6	\$492.25	\$2,953.50
November	16	\$808.72	\$12,939.55
December	45	\$1,119.84	\$50,393.19
January	16	\$1,377.82	\$22,045.23
February	39	\$1,158.37	\$45,176.51
Committed Funds			\$29,171.30
Totals	122	\$1,333.43	\$162,679.28

Progress Activity

October 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020



1. Received 1003 calls since October 1.
2. Assisted 122 tenants, includes 52 RRHA residents.
3. 393 applicants were ineligible for the program.
4. 218 applicants were declined for the program.
5. 270 applicants were unable to be reached or duplicate calls.
6. Expended \$162,679.28 of \$300,000 financial fund.
7. 182 Participants completed the Housing Educational Workshops.

Race Demographics & Program Data

89% African
American

5% White Non-
Hispanic

3% Hispanic

3% Unknown

72% Female
28% Male

62% Female
Head of
Household

Average Annual
Income
\$18,260

Average
Arrearage
Amount \$2,089

RRHA Project Initiative

Address Eviction Crisis in RRHA Communities

Conducted 7 Housing Stability Educational Workshops

52 Residents Received Financial Support Totaling - \$53,060.90

Average Assistance Amount - \$1,041

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