UTA’s Emergency Financial Assistance service assists tenants at-risk of homelessness by directly addressing arrears, utility delinquency, security deposit and/or 1st months’ rent costs to prevent displacement. This service, in combination with crisis intervention and case management, allows low to middle income tenants in Albany County who are imminently at-risk of eviction and homelessness to stabilize their housing situations, and to avoid the traumatizing loss of their home.
United Tenants of Albany provides financial assistance to tenants who are facing eviction and/or facing a utility shut off. In order to obtain assistance, tenants must be at risk of homelessness and/or eviction.

UTA is restricted to provide financial assistance to tenants within Albany County and meet the income limits of 30-80% of the area median income.

Included is a list of eligible conditions, required documentation and how to request assistance.

**Type of Financial Assistance**
- Rental Arrears
- 1st Month Rent
- Security Deposit
- Utility Arrears

**Eligibility Criteria**
- **Housing Conditions**
  - Facing Eviction
  - Doubled-Up (Couch Surfing)
  - Building is Uninhabitable
  - Building is in Foreclosure
  - Shut off Notice from National Grid
  - Living in a Hotel (not paid for by DSS or charitable organization)
  - Being discharged from an Institution of Care
- **Eligible Locations**
  - City of Albany
  - Albany County
- **Income Threshold**
  - 30-80% Area Median Income per household

**Required Documentation**
- Approval or denial letter from DSS for emergency assistance (1,2,3 Letter)
- Proof of Emergency
  - Examples:
    - 14-Day Rent Demand
    - Court Petition
    - Sheriff Notice
    - Foreclosure Notice
    - Code report showing unsafe living conditions
- Proof of income for past 30 days
- Two forms of ID
- Copy of Lease Agreement
- Social Security Numbers for everyone in home

**How to Request Assistance**

Call the housing hotline and state you are requesting financial assistance

518-436-8997 x 3