

## About the Rental Assistance Center

Funded by the City of Grand Rapids and administered by the Grand Rapids Housing Commission (GRHC), the Rental Assistance Center is located within the Campau Commons Community Center at 821 South Division Avenue. The Center offers free rental readiness services to low-income Grand Rapids residents who have had a rental housing application denied by a property owner. Prospective renters work with GRHC staff to identify and address barriers to successful tenancy and are linked with a variety of resources that help them become ready to rent.

Rental applicants who complete the program are equipped with skills and knowledge that empower them to be good tenants as well as a portfolio of the documents needed to complete a rental housing application.

The Rental Assistance Center works to link rental property owners who have vacant units with qualified applicants.

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[www.RentReadyGR.org](http://www.RentReadyGR.org)



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## A Win-Win for Landlords & Tenants

Grand Rapids residents who want to participate in the Rental Assistance Center's comprehensive Rental Readiness program apply online at [www.RentReadyGR.org](http://www.RentReadyGR.org). In addition to pre-screening prospective renters, Grand Rapids Housing Commission staff help identify potential barriers to renting and connect program participants with resources designed to hone skills and knowledge related to...

- Establishing and maintaining credit
- Personal financial management
- The qualities owners look for in tenants
- Tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities
- The housing search process

Rental Readiness program graduates compile a portfolio of the documents needed to complete rental applications, expediting the application process.

**To reach prospective tenants who are qualified and ready to rent: (616) 235-2879, extension 1903.**



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## Free Service Links Rental Property Owners with Pre-Screened Applicants

The Grand Rapids Housing Commission administers a Rental Assistance Center that links landlords with rental housing applicants who have been pre-screened to meet housing industry standards related to:

- Credit history
- Criminal history
- Rental history and landlord references
- Income and employment verification

Use of this new rental applicant clearinghouse is free to rental property owners. All applicant

screening complies with Fair Housing standards and supports compliance with the 2018 City of Grand Rapids ordinance related to residential rental application fees.

Save the time, expense and hassle of administering the preliminary stages of applicant screening—call our housing professionals at (616) 235-2879, extension 1903, for more information about the Rental Assistance Center and the many applicants who are qualified and ready to rent your vacant properties.