



Security Deposit Assistance Eligibility Criteria and Required Documents

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

*In order to be determined eligible for emergency financial assistance, you must be a resident of **Essex County** that is **literally homeless** or at **imminent risk of becoming homeless**. Proof of homelessness requires a letter from an emergency shelter provider or transitional housing provider.*

If you are at imminent risk of becoming homeless the original court summons, with docket number, is required along with your current lease.

***** All documents must be originals *****

SECURITY DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE

Identification	Proof of Income
<i>(For each household member)</i> Photo ID and Birth Certificate and Social Security Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Current Pay Stubs • Social Security Disability / State Disability Proof • SSI income is acceptable ONLY for persons under the age of 18 that reside in the same household
Proof of Burden	Proof of County Residency
Letter from Shelter Provider/Transitional Housing provider or <u>Notarized</u> Proof of burden letter that clearly states the reason for homelessness or risk of homelessness (This will be accepted on a case by case basis)	Location of new apartment must be within the county of Essex

NOTE: Eligibility is determined ONLY after an initial consultation with a Case Manager. Financial assistance is provided based on the AVAILABILITY of funding. NESF DOES NOT GUARANTEE ASSISTANCE BEFOREHAND.