



Frequently Asked Questions

Assisted Living Program The Kensington

Q. What is the The Kensington Subsidy program?

A. The Kensington entered into an Agreement with the City of Falls Church to provide a total annual credit of \$93,600 to supplement the basic fees, care costs, and other services of one or more eligible residents and/or their family members at the assisted living facility at 700 W. Broad Street, Falls Church.

Q. How does the subsidy program work?

A. Every year The Kensington will provide the City of Falls Church with a maximum credit that can be used toward the care of eligible participants. This is combined with payment from participants, which is based on their ability to pay. Unused credit will not roll over to the following year.

Q. How many people can be served through this subsidy program?

A. We anticipate that one or two people will be served at a time depending on their care needs and ability to pay. The total subsidy paid by The Kensington for all participants cannot exceed \$93,600.

Q. What are the eligibility requirements for The Kensington subsidy program?

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- **Age:** Individuals must be at least 62 years old. An individual under 62 may accompany a spouse who is 62 or over.
- **Income:** Criteria for eligibility are based on the income guidelines circulated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). An income guideline chart is attached.
 - Low income is defined as less than 50% of the area median income (adjusted for family size).
 - Moderate income is defined as 50% to 80% of the area median income (adjusted for family size).

Priority is given to individuals with low income.

- **Assets:** No more than \$40,000 in liquid or non-liquid assets, including home equity, are allowed in order to be eligible for the subsidy.
- **Residence:** Beds in the program are reserved for residents of the City and members of their immediate families (i.e. mother, father, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or child). Residents who have been living in the City for at least two years receive first priority, but if there is no one in that category to fill the bed, it can be offered to a resident who has been in the City for a shorter period of time.

Q. Are assets counted in determining income qualifications?

A. Yes. No more than \$40,000 liquid or non-liquid assets, including home equity, are allowed in order to be eligible for the subsidy. If there is a community spouse living in the home, the home equity will not be taken into consideration unless the property is sold.

Q. How much do individuals in the subsidy program pay to The Kensington?

A. Individuals pay 80 percent of their gross income from all sources, minus health insurance premiums. This form of payment also applies to couples moving in together. In the event there is a community spouse, all income will be taken into consideration then divided in half.

Q. Who pays for any services the individual may need that are beyond resident's monthly payment?

A. Charges beyond the resident's ability to pay will be covered by the subsidy until it is depleted. The subsidy is renewed annually.

Q. What happens if room and board and the cost of care exceed the amount of credit allocated by the subsidy program?

A. In the event room and board and the cost of care exceed the amount of the accounting subsidy, the resident will have to pay the difference or make arrangements to transfer to a different program or facility.

Q. What is the State Auxiliary Grant (AG)?

A. An AG is an income supplement for individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and certain other aged, blind, or disabled individuals who reside in a licensed assisted living facility.

An AG payment is issued to an individual monthly, to be used with a designated amount of their monthly income to pay an assisted living facility a maximum monthly rate. This rate is determined by the Virginia General Assembly and is adjusted periodically.

For additional information on the State Auxiliary Grant, contact the Fairfax County Department of Family Services at 703-324-7500.

Q. May an individual use the State Auxiliary Grant program to participate in The Kensington subsidy program?

A. Yes, the State Auxiliary Grant program may be used to pay for room and board, and for any additional fees associated with the care of the resident.

Q. How do I apply for The Kensington Subsidy program?

A. Contact Housing and Human Services to inquire if there is availability at 703-248-5005 or HHSinfo@fallschurchva.gov. If there is no vacancy, or there is not enough credit in the subsidy program to cover costs, the applicant may be placed on an interest list.

Q. Who is a City resident?

A. A City resident is a person living within the City of Falls Church.

Q. Are relatives of City residents eligible to participate in the Kensington subsidy program?

A. Immediate family members of City residents, as defined by the Code of Virginia, (parents, wife or husband, children, grandparents and brothers and sisters, mother-in-law, or father-in-law) are eligible to apply.

Q. Who screens individuals for income and residency eligibility?

A. The City of Falls Church, Housing and Human Services screens individuals for non-medical eligibility.

Q. What types of documentation will be required prior to entering The Kensington?

A. **Income** – Documentation of income from all sources for the previous two years is required. Signed copies of federal income tax returns, as well as Social Security and

retirement award letters if applicable are required. Income includes contributions from family members or other parties. To verify income from family members or other parties, a notarized letter along with bank deposits must be included.

Assets – Applicants must submit the most recent bank or account statement for each asset and may include federal income tax returns, investments, money market funds, and property and/or mortgage statements.

Residence – Documentation of City residency is required for the applicant or eligible immediate family member. This includes the City real estate tax bill or lease/rental agreement.

Immediate Family Relationship Status (if applicable) – Documentation may include birth certificate or sworn and notarized statement.

Q. Is there a wait list?

A. The City of Falls Church, Housing and Human Services maintains an interest list when there is no vacancy or there is not enough credit in the subsidy program to cover costs.

Q. Who is the contact at the City for more information?

A. Housing and Human Services
300 Park Avenue
Falls Church, Virginia 22046
Tel: 703-248-5005, TTY 711
Email: hhsinfo@fallschurchva.gov
Webpage: www.fallschurchva.gov/aging

Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability

The City of Falls Church is committed to the letter and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This document will be made available in alternate format upon request. Call 703-248-5005, (TTY 711).

The City of Falls Church does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its employment practices or in the admission to, access to, or operations of its services, programs, or activities. Cindy Mester, 300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia 22046 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the ADA non-discrimination requirement.



Attachment

City of Falls Church Income Limits – Fiscal Year 2019		
Number of Persons in Household	1	2
50% of HUD Median Income	\$42,455	\$48,520
80% of HUD Median Income	\$67,928	\$77,632

Income limits updated April 2019