

Shirley Raines Good Neighbor Fund

The National Alliance to End Homelessness (Alliance) is pleased to announce the establishment of the Shirley Raines Good Neighbor Fund to support organizations in the Washington, D.C. area working to end unsheltered homelessness for high barrier individuals. In alignment with our values—faith, love, and home—the Alliance leads with love, equity, and respect for our unhoused neighbors. The fund will provide flexible financial assistance to organizations that support individuals and families with high barriers or needs on their path towards permanent housing.

Eligible Award Recipients

The Alliance regularly partners with various local nonprofit organizations in Washington, D.C., which has a [Comprehensive Street Outreach Network](#). This network provides strategic support to individuals living on the street or in locations that are not fit for human habitation in three geographic clusters with an emphasis on re-housing. Only organizations who provide services as part of the Comprehensive Street Outreach Network are eligible award recipients for this fund.

Eligible Award Amounts

The Good Neighbor Fund will provide up to \$50,000 per year of flexible financial assistance. There are no caps to the amount of assistance provided per individual or family made payable to the eligible organization. Payments cannot be made directly to the individual or family.

Eligible Activities

Good Neighbor Fund eligible activities can include:

- Vital records fees (ID card, birth certificate)
- Application fees
- Security deposit/1st month's rent
- Rental assistance
- Renter's insurance
- Rental arrears to secure new lease

- Utility arrears or utility deposit
- Storage fees
- Family reunification
- Metro Smart Trip cards or other transportation assistance
- Sharing a meal or cup of coffee to build trust/rapport
- Other flexible uses (subject to the approval of the Alliance)

Ineligible Activities

- Overhead/administrative costs
- Staff costs

Process

The Alliance will provide an electronic link to review, approve, and render payment for submissions for the Good Neighbor Fund with the goal of providing low-barrier flexible financial assistance to the organizations working to house individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Recipient Commitments

Engage with Alliance staff to provide updates about the outcomes, accomplishments, and benefits to the community for this fund (e.g., successful housing placements, increased trust/rapport with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, etc.).

Alliance Commitments

The Alliance commits to processing requests within 7-10 business days.

Disbursement of Funds

Funds will be disbursed via check or e-payment through bill.com.