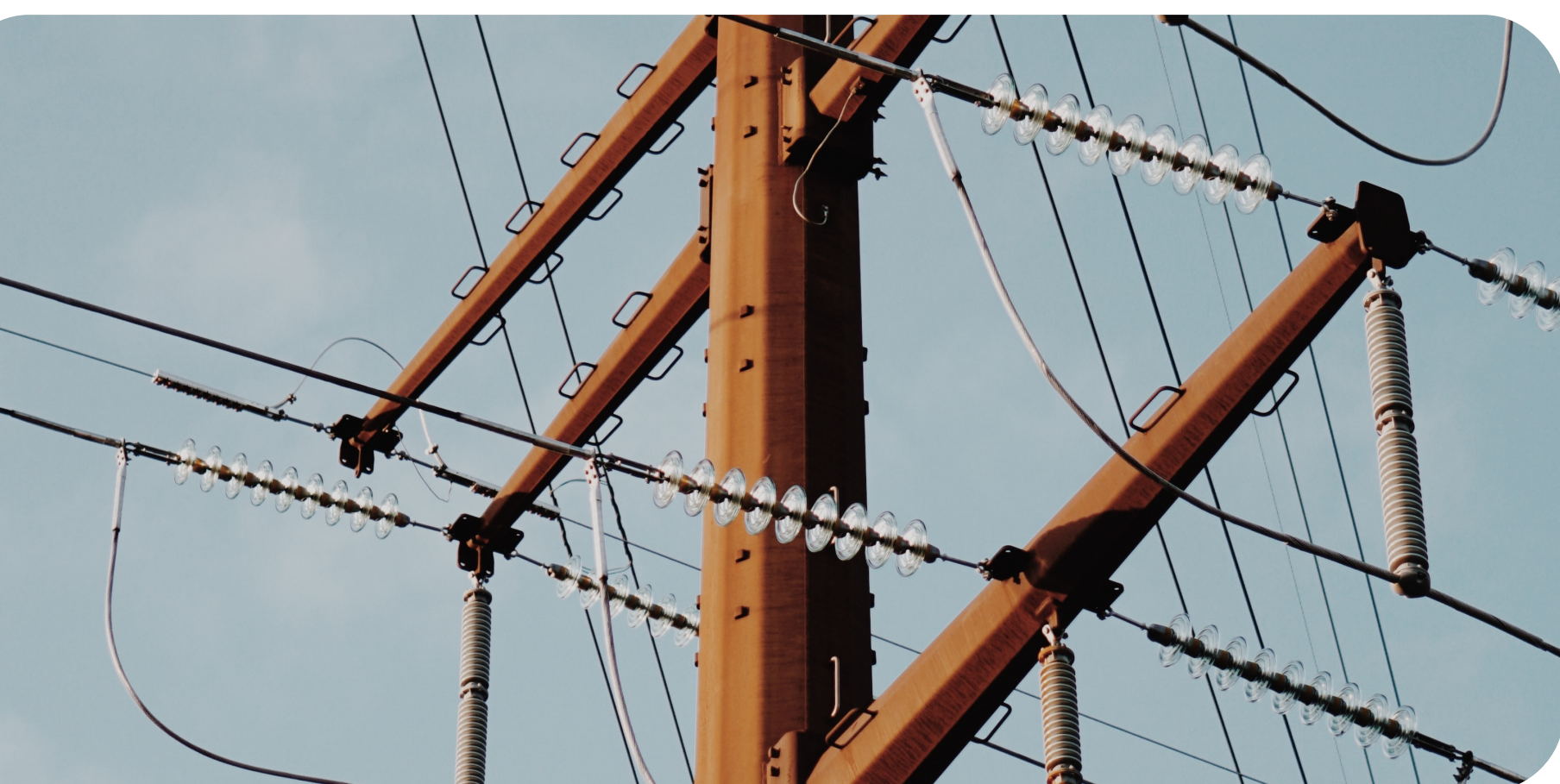


The Greater Victoria Housing Relief Fund & Rent Bank

What is a Rent Bank?

A Rent Bank provides financial assistance to low-income individuals and families experiencing a one-time financial crisis.

Financial assistance is provided in the form of a repayable loan or non-repayable grant (only while grant funds are available) to households at risk of eviction for reasons such as non-payment of rent or utilities. Rent Banks can also aid individuals by providing funds to secure housing.



Loan and Grant Amounts:

RENT: Up to \$1,500 for an individual and up to \$2,000 for a family*.

Essential Utilities: Up to \$500.

* Two or more in a household.

What can the funds be used for?

*Assistance with groceries and other household necessities may be available for exceptional circumstances.



Security/ Damage/ Pet Deposit



Rental Arrears/ Past Due Rent



Next Month's Rent



First Month's Rent

To help people gain access to housing.



Moving Expenses

To help support people moving to more sustainable, safer housing



Payment for Overdue Essential Utilities

Eligibility Requirements



19 years of age or older



Reside in OR obtaining residence in the Greater Victoria Area

(if seeking damage/ security deposit or first month's rent)



Demonstrate housing will be stabilized for a min of 90 days



No more than 2 months behind in rent and/or utilities

Exceptions may be made in exceptional circumstances if all other eligibility criteria are met.



Have a current bank account or be on income assistance



Have a regular source of verifiable income

That is sufficient to covering living expenses.



Don't have any excessive outstanding debts or bankruptcy



Must meet low-income requirements

Exceptions may be made in exceptional circumstances if all other eligibility criteria are met.

What you need to have:

2 pieces of **valid identification**: one of which must be government-issued with a photo.

3 months of **ALL bank account and credit card statements**.

Proof of tenancy or Proof of Intent to Rent.

Proof of Income

Eviction Notice or Utility Notice disconnection (if applicable)

For more information on how this program can benefit you, please visit our website: www.communitycouncil.ca/rentbank

SERVICE PROVIDERS: If you are interested in learning more about this project and how your agency can get involved, please contact:

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