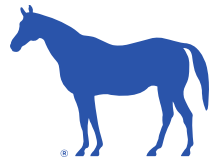


HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES

Commissioner Charlier Lanter, Housing Advocacy & Community Development

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Housing Stability Services Program

- Grant to Legal Aid of the Bluegrass to provide eviction prevention and diversion; assistance and representation in eviction court; and mediation for Lexington Housing Authority tenants facing eviction.
- Serves Fayette County households at risk of housing instability (facing eviction or threat of eviction).
- Mediation can provide small, target financial assistance – typically under \$2,000 per household – to prevent eviction, utility shutoffs, and homelessness at a cost comparable to or less than one month of emergency shelter.

Project Partners

- **Legal Aid of the Bluegrass** – Program administration and intake, staffing and attorneys.
- **Center for Conflict Resolution & Leadership** – Mediation between the Lexington Housing Authority and tenants facing eviction.
- **Lexington Housing Authority** – Collaborates on mediation.
- **Fayette District Court** – Supports program interaction with participants.
- **Landlords** – Participate in mediation and negotiation (optional)

Program History

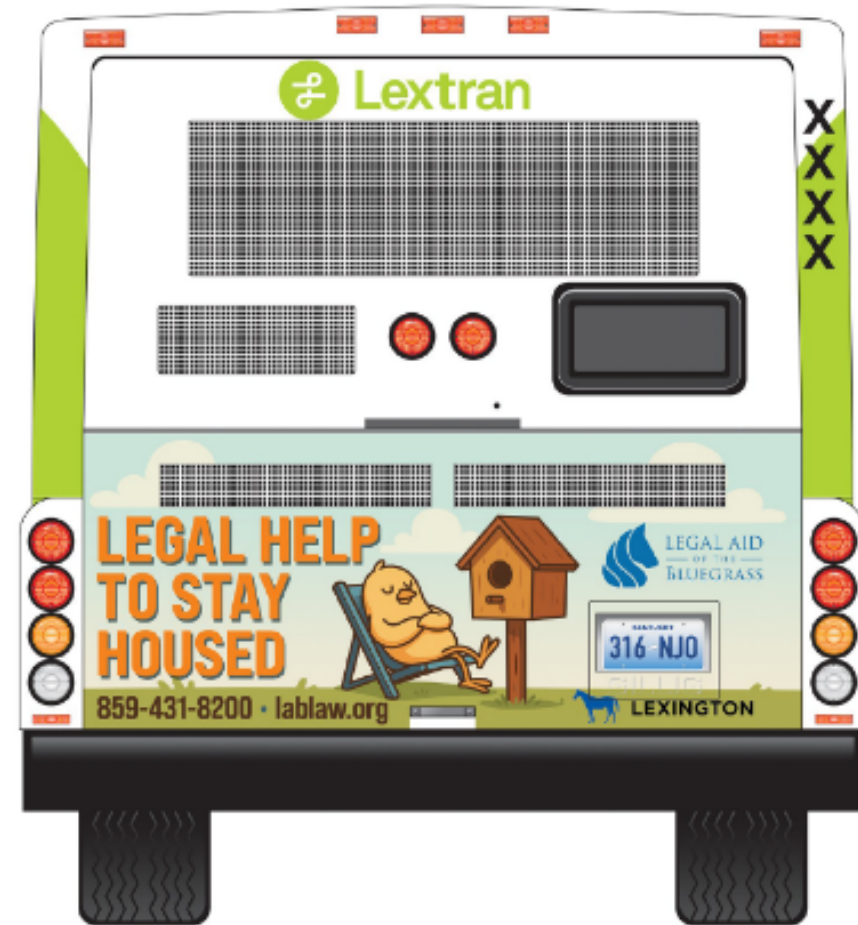
- Begin in 2023 utilizing funds from the original federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Shifted in 2024 to general fund once federal grant funds were exhausted; fund balance allocation of \$500,000 (CM Lynch).
- An additional \$150,000 allocated in December 2025 to keep the program funded through August 2026 (CM Brown).
- Current funds expected to run out in the coming months with \$400,000 in the FY27 Mayor's Proposed Budget to continue programming.

Results – Every Household is Unique

Metric	Value	What It Shows
Households Assisted (Annual)	150–300	Focus on keeping people housed
Average Assistance per Household	\$800 – \$2,000	Small, targeted interventions
Approximate individuals served	7,225	Significant reach for modest program
Estimated % Preventing Displacement	Majority (typically 70–90%)	High success rate in stabilization
Cost per Household vs. Shelter	Comparable to ≤ 1 month of shelter	Strong cost efficiency

Reaching New Clients

- In 2025, Legal Aid launched a series of Lextran bus and local billboard advertisements to raise awareness about the program, which has garnered an increase in clients and calls to the help desk.



Considerations for Future

- Stabilize funding.
 - Align with appropriate grants or other funding streams to ensure consistency.
- Align program with broader homelessness prevention efforts.
 - Connect program referrals with OHPI efforts to prioritize those most at risk of homelessness.
- Enhance data tracking and reporting consistency.
 - Need better data on who is served and tracking of long-term outcomes.
- Consider integration with existing rental assistance and support services both inside and outside of LFUCG.

Questions?



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