

## **Renting Rams Emergency Fund**

The Renting Rams Emergency Fund is funded by Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) and was created to support the emergent needs of undergraduate students renting off-campus around the Borough of West Chester. This fund is intended to be a supplemental financial resource for off-campus students who cannot meet immediate and essential expenses because of a temporary hardship such as accidents, illness, death of a family member, fire damage, or need for temporary housing.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Currently enrolled as an undergraduate student.
- Currently renting in or around the Borough of West Chester.
- *Full-time employees at West Chester University are not eligible to apply for funding.*

### **Application Process:**

- Complete intake appointment with Off-Campus and Commuter Services staff member and provide supporting documentation, including proof of unpaid expenses, if possible.  
Email [OCCS@wcupa.edu](mailto:OCCS@wcupa.edu) to set up an intake appointment.
- Decision released to the student within 48 business hours of submission.
- If granted, funds will be dispersed to the student via Student Services Incorporated within three to five business days.

### **Examples of qualifying needs include, but are not limited to:**

- Overdue utility bills reaching a turn-off notice.
- Emergency medical expenses.
- Emergency housing expenses.
- Loss of childcare.
- Safety-related needs.
- Replacement of essential personal belongings due to fire, theft, or natural disaster.
- Travel or transportation due to serious illness, death, or family emergency.
- Transportation to campus for classes and class-related activities.

### **Expenses not covered by the Renting Rams Emergency Fund include:**

- Regularly anticipated fixed expenses and academic expenses already covered through financial aid.
- Entertainment, recreation, or non-emergency travel.
- Replacement of lost items.

The Renting Rams Emergency Fund dollars are not intended to replace existing financial aid and do not have to be repaid. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and disbursement is ongoing. Funding is limited to \$500 per student for one-time assistance to support a student's ability to remain enrolled at WCU. OCCS may not be able to fulfill all requests. If you have any questions, please contact [OCCS@wcupa.edu](mailto:OCCS@wcupa.edu) for further support.