



Move-in and Deposit Grant Eligibility Policy

Overview

The Move-in and Deposit Grant provides financial assistance to eligible students at California State University, Bakersfield to help cover the costs of move-in expenses, including security deposits and the first month's rent. This grant aims to support students transitioning into stable housing by alleviating financial barriers to secure accommodations.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Enrollment Status

- a. Must be a currently enrolled student at California State University, Bakersfield.
- b. Must be enrolled at least half-time (6+ units for undergraduates, 3+ units for graduate and doctorate students) during the semester in which assistance is requested.

2. Good Disciplinary Standing

- a. Must be in good disciplinary standing with the university.
- b. This means the student must not be on disciplinary probation, suspension, or subject to active conduct sanctions that affect their eligibility for university programs.
- c. Students with prior disciplinary concerns may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the nature and timing of the violation.

3. Housing Status

- a. Must have secured housing and must provide documentation confirming the housing arrangement (e.g., lease agreement, landlord confirmation).

4. Financial Hardship

- a. Must provide proof of financial hardship (e.g., financial aid award letter, income verification, or explanation of circumstances) and an inability to cover move-in costs without assistance.

5. Financial Aid & Cost of Attendance (COA) Consideration

- a. Students' eligibility is contingent upon the remaining room for resources in their financial aid package.

6. Recipient Responsibilities

- a. Students approved for the Housing Emergency Grant must fulfill the following requirements to maintain their eligibility and ensure long-term housing stability:

- i. **Ongoing Communication:** Must maintain consistent communication with the designated support staff to develop a plan for financial stability.
- ii. **Provide Proper Payment Documentation** (e.g., invoice, receipt).
- iii. **Additional Documentation:** Must provide any additional documentation requested to verify ongoing need or confirm compliance with the grant's terms.

7. Exclusions

- a. Students who have no room in their Cost of Attendance from their financial aid package for additional resources may be ineligible unless an adjustment can be made.
- b. Grants are limited to once within a 12-month period. Students who have already received a grant and apply for the same or different grant within the 12-month period may be ineligible.

8. Award Amount

- a. Grant amounts will vary based on need and available funding
- b. Limited funding is available, and applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis