

Howard County COVID-19 Relief Rental and Utility Assistance

FACT SHEET

Beginning March 11, 2021, Howard County residents may contact one of the participating providers to complete an application for assistance to pay past due utility bills and rent payments to prevent eviction. Maximum assistance per household is 12 months of rent and utility expenses. Residents that previously received rental assistance are eligible to apply for additional assistance.

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Maximum household income limits up to 80% of HUD area median income.

| Family Size | Amount |
|---------------|-----------|
| One Person | \$54,950 |
| Two Person | \$62,800 |
| Three Persons | \$70,650 |
| Four Persons | \$78,500 |
| Five Persons | \$84,800 |
| Six Persons | \$91,100 |
| Seven Persons | \$97,350 |
| Eight Persons | \$103,650 |

Residents may contact one of the participating providers:

| Provider | Website | Email Contact for Residents | Phone Contact for Residents |
|--------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Community Action Council | cac-hc.org | clientassistance@cac-hc.org | 410-313-6440 |
| Grassroots | grassrootscrisis.org | evictionprevention@grassrootscrisis.org | 410-531-6677 |
| FIRN | firnonline.org | housinghelp@firnonline.org | 443-276-3166 |
| Springboard | springboardmd.org | tjordan@scsmd.org | 410-997-3557 |



Preliminary application criteria:

1. Applicant must be a Howard County resident and provide proof of home address.
2. Applicant must provide evidence of loss of income due to COVID-related job loss, reduction in hours and/or medical illness.

Legal Support for those Facing Eviction

Residents facing eviction and other legal challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic may contact Maryland Legal Aid regarding education, assistance and representation needed to prevent evictions in upcoming failure to pay rent cases. Residents can contact MLA intake line at (301) 560-2100 or <https://www.mdlab.org>. Residents with concerns about unfair landlord practices or rent increases may contact the County's Office of Consumer Protection for assistance at (410) 313-6420 or email consumer@howardcountymd.gov.

Are you a homeowner with past due mortgage payments?

If you are a homeowner unable to pay your mortgage, behind on your mortgage payments or facing foreclosure, contact the County's Department of Housing and Community Development at (410) 313-6318, option 3 or by email at foreclosureprevention@howardcountymd.gov for assistance.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/HoCoHousingCOVID>