

Howard County COVID-19 Rental Assistance and Eviction Prevention Round 3

FACT SHEET

Beginning January 4, 2021, Howard County residents may contact one of the participating providers to complete an application for assistance to pay past due rent and/or mortgage payments and/or to prevent eviction. Maximum assistance per household is 6 months of housing expense.

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Maximum Household Income Limits
based on 80% of Howard County Area
Median Income

Family Size	Amount
One Person	\$65,929
Two Person	\$75,347
Three Persons	\$84,766
Four Persons	\$94,184
Five Persons	\$101,719
Six Persons	\$109,253

Residents may contact one of the participating providers for an application beginning January 4th:

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
Family & Children's Services	fcsmd.org	lspivey@fcsmd.org	443-864-0379



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.



Special Exceptions:

If you rent a unit in a property owned by the Howard County Housing Commission, you may be eligible for rental assistance from the Howard County Housing Commission. Residents should contact the property managers in their buildings to apply.

If you rent a unit owned or managed by Bridges to Housing Stability, you may be eligible for rental assistance from Bridges to Housing Stability. Residents may contact Bridges to Housing Stability directly at bridges2hs.org or (410) 312-5760.

Partnership with MakingChange

The County is partnering with MakingChange, Inc. to provide free financial counseling to residents affected by a loss of income due to COVID-19. The counseling will include budget preparation and contacting creditors for assistance. Counseling is not required to receive rental assistance funds. The request form is available at makingchangecenter.org or by emailing info@makingchangecenter.org.

Legal Support for those Facing Eviction

On September 8, 2020, County Executive Ball announced \$60,581 in CARES Act funding for Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) to assist residents facing eviction and other legal challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant will help provide the education, assistance and representation needed to prevent evictions in the forthcoming 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.

For more information, visit
howardcountymd.gov/Departments/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Countywide-Updates