

# Howard County COVID-19 Rental Assistance and Eviction Prevention

## FACT SHEET

Beginning July 6, 2020, 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 3 months of housing expense.



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Howard County Executive

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

Family Size	Amount
One Person	\$64,723
Two Person	\$73,969
Three Persons	\$83,215
Four Persons	\$92,461
Five Persons	\$99,858
Six Persons	\$107,255
Seven Persons	\$114,651
Eight Persons	\$122,048

Residents may contact one of the participating providers for an application beginning July 6th:

Provider	Website	Email Contact for Residents	Phone Contact for Residents
Community Action Council	<a href="http://cac-hc.org">cac-hc.org</a>	n/a	410-313-6440
The United Way	<a href="http://uwcm.org">uwcm.org</a>	n/a	211 (Comm. Res. Specialist)
Grassroots	<a href="http://grassrootscrisis.org">grassrootscrisis.org</a>	<a href="mailto:evictionprevention@grassrootscrisis.org">evictionprevention@grassrootscrisis.org</a>	410-531-6677
Family and Children's Services	<a href="http://fcsmd.org">fcsmd.org</a>	<a href="mailto:lspevey@fcsmd.org">lspevey@fcsmd.org</a>	443-864-0379
FIRN	<a href="http://firnonline.org">firnonline.org</a>	<a href="mailto:housinghelp@firnonline.org">housinghelp@firnonline.org</a>	443-276-3166 (Kristin Lilly)



### 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 are a housing choice voucher tenant or 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 may contact the Housing Commission directly at [househoward.org](http://househoward.org) or (443) 518-7800.

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](http://bridges2hs.org) or (410) 312-5760.

### Partnership with Making Change

The County is partnering with Making Change, 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. The request form is available at [makingchangecenter.org](http://makingchangecenter.org) or by emailing [info@makingchangecenter.org](mailto:info@makingchangecenter.org).

### Howard County Eviction Orders Suspended

While the Governor's Executive Order temporarily prohibits evictions of tenants suffering substantial loss of income due to COVID-19, the County Council signed Council Bill 33 into law on May 22, 2020 which gives Howard County residents further protection. This bill prohibits the increase in rents for up to 90 days after the County's State of Emergency order is lifted. Residents whose rents have increased can contact the County's Office of Consumer Protection for assistance at [howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services/Office-of-Consumer-Protection](http://howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services/Office-of-Consumer-Protection) or (410) 313-6420.

For more information, visit

[howardcountymd.gov/Departments/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Countywide-Updates](http://howardcountymd.gov/Departments/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Countywide-Updates)