Property Name

Address

Anytown, MD Zip Code

Dear Resident,

As you know, Governor Larry Hogan announced funding under the Assisted Housing Relief Program to prevent evictions and help Marylanders affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. You are receiving this notice because you reside in a state-financed rental unit that **may be eligible** for rental assistance.

To be eligible, the households must meet the following criteria:

* The household is delinquent in rental payments;
* Someone within the household is a leaseholder or lessee in the written Lease for the Unit;
* Someone within the household has (i) qualified for unemployment benefits, or (ii) experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship during or due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic;
* Someone within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
* The household has a total household income at or below the following incomes based on family size:

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| **Statewide Income Limits** | | | | | | | | |
| **Household Size** | 1 Person | 2 People | 3 People | 4 People | 5 People | 6 People | 7 People | 8+ People |
| **80% of AMI** | $55,950 | $63,900 | $71,900 | $79,900 | $86,300 | $92,700 | $99,100 | $105,450 |

Your landlord/property manager will continue to work with you to determine whether you and your household are eligible for rental assistance payments. In order to determine if you are eligible, your landlord/property manager will require you to provide information, documentation, and certification of eligibility. The Department will make rental assistance payments directly to your landlord/property manager to be applied to unpaid rents. You will then be notified in writing if the assistance is approved.

If your landlord/property manager refuses to submit an application on behalf of the household, you may be able to apply directly to the Department. However, you will still be required to provide proof of eligibility and payments will be made directly to your landlord/property manager.

Approved assistance will cover the unpaid rent accrued after January 1, 2021, and will be based on verification of eligibility and availability of funds.

For more information about Maryland’s Assisted Housing Relief Program, please visit the Maryland Department of Community Development website at [https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/EvictionPrevention/default.aspx](https://test-dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/EvictionPrevention/default.aspx)

Sincerely,

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Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development