

Rental Assistance Resources

Minnesota (Statewide)

In December, Congress passed a COVID Relief package that will provide an additional \$375 million from the federal government for rental assistance in Minnesota. The money is due to begin being released to tenants in the coming weeks. Some notes:

1. There will be fewer organizations accepting applications and paying out money. For those in the metro-area, the money will be handled by Hennepin and Ramsey counties.
2. Funding will be available for both prospective and past-due rent. Tenants may request past-due rent for March 2020 onward. Prospective rent may be paid for up to three months at a time.
3. Assistance will be limited to those at or below 80% of area median income (AMI); preference is given to households at 50% AMI or less and have been unemployed for 90 or more days.

For more information, and to be included on a listserv to receive updates on the funding, please click [here](#).

Ramsey County

Families in Ramsey County can apply for housing assistance from Neighborhood House. Visit their website [here](#). Follow the steps to get connected with a representative who may be able to help Ramsey County residents get financial assistance and other services.

Residents will have to have their landlord complete a form and submit a request online. Staff will send an email to applicants within 24 and provide instructions for next steps. Tenants will complete a few additional forms and will provide proof of income and other documentation.

Hennepin County

Advise tenants to contact the local county human services agency to see if they qualify for assistance with rent, food, or childcare. For Hennepin County, call: (612) 596-1300. Also contact the local Public Housing Authority to see if they qualify for other types of assistance, such as creating a personalized plan, help with FEMA or insurance claims, non-legal support for communicating with landlords, and more. For Minneapolis PHA, call: (612)342-1400, or email: abdiwarsame@mplspha.org.

Other Rental Assistance Programs

There are other programs available to promote housing security and prevent homelessness. Advise tenants to contact the local county human services agency to see if they qualify for assistance with rent, food, or childcare. Also contact the local Public Housing Authority to see if they qualify for other types of assistance, such as creating a personalized plan, help with FEMA or insurance claims, non-legal support for communicating with landlords, and more. Contact schools, community centers, faith communities/houses of worship.