

COVID-19 Emergency Residential Assistance Program

Frequently Asked Questions as of November 8, 2021

Q. What is the COVID-19 Emergency Residential Assistance Program?

The COVID-19 Emergency Residential Assistance Program provides one-time mortgage/rental, and/or electric utility and Home Owners Association (HOA) assistance to eligible City of Sunrise residents who have experienced loss of income, (such as a reduction in hours, unemployment, etc.) as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic only. Assistance will be provided for payments due on or after April 1, 2020.

Q. Who is providing the funding for this program?

The City is currently utilizing Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program funds to support this program. The rules and regulations associated with 24 CRF Part 570, along with all applicable CDBG-CV waivers will govern the use of the funds.

Q. Who is eligible to receive assistance?

Individuals or households that are renters or homeowners in the City of Sunrise. You must be able to document that you were unable to pay your rent strictly due to experienced loss of income, (such as a reduction in hours, unemployment, etc.) as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q. What requirements do I need to meet in order to qualify for the program?

- Must reside within the City of Sunrise.
- Household gross annual income must not exceed 80% AMI, per CDBG-CV program guidelines. Please refer to the income chart in the following question below. Applicant must provide required supporting documentation to determine income eligibility. Assistance will be provided for payments due on or after April 1, 2020.
- Applicant must have documentable information to evidence loss of income (including, but not limited to a reduction in hours, loss of business or unemployment) as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Applicant or household member cannot have received or be anticipating the

receipt of any other form of financial assistance for rent, mortgage and/or utilities for the time frame payment is requested and must sign a Duplication of Benefits agreement with the City.

- Emergency Rental Assistance and/or Utility Assistance is solely available to your full-time residence. To be eligible for assistance, the following must be met:
 - The lease must be in the applicant's name or a household member's name.
 - FPL bills must be in the applicant's name or a household member's name
 - HOA statements must be in the applicant's name or household member's name
- Temporary Mortgage Assistance and/or Utility Assistance is solely available on your primary residence. To be eligible for assistance, the following must be met:
 - Property must have 100% homestead exemption as documented by the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office.
 - Applicant must provide proof of property ownership in applicant's name or household member's name.
 - Mortgage must be in the applicant's name, or a household member's name.
 - Utility bills must be in the applicant's name or a household member's name
 - Property taxes are not an eligible expense under the COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Programs. Applicant must be able to provide itemized mortgage payment information.

Q. Are there income guidelines for this program?

Yes, applicants must meet gross annual incomes not exceeding 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as follows:



Community Development Block Group (CDBG)

Household Size	Very Low 0 - 30% AMI	Low 31 - 50% AMI	Moderate 51 - 80% AMI
1	18,500	30,800	49,300
2	21,150	35,200	56,350
3	23,800	39,600	63,400
4	26,400	44,000	70,400
5	28,550	47,550	76,050
6	30,650	51,050	81,700
7	32,750	54,600	87,300
8	34,850	58,100	92,950

Income Limits Effective: 06/01/2021

Q. If I qualify, how much funding can I receive?

The City will assist with up to three (3) months or \$6,000 of emergency assistance for mortgage/rent, electric utility, and/or HOA payments, whichever occurs first.

Q. How many times can I receive assistance?

Assistance is provided one time per program. Residents previously assisted State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP), City implemented Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, or Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) programs remain eligible for assistance under this program.

Q. Does the applicant have to repay the funds?

No. Funds will be provided as a grant.

Q. I am behind on my rental or mortgage payment for the month of February 2020, am I eligible for assistance?

No. Assistance will only be provided for payments due date on or after April 1, 2020. Assistance is available only to those applicants who can provide supporting documentation showing they have experienced loss of income, reduction in hours, or unemployment as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Q. What kinds of housing units can be assisted?

Units such as apartments, condominiums, houses, and townhouses are allowable.

Q. How do I apply for the Program?

Please download the application from our website at <https://www.sunrisefl.gov/covid19aid> or send an email to Housing@Sunrisefl.gov. An application will be sent to you within 1 business day. Applications will also be available for pick up outside of the Community Development Department. If you do not have ability to print the application, and you cannot pick one up, please call us at (954) 572-2315 to make arrangements.

Q. How do I submit my application?

Completed applications, including all supporting documentation, may be delivered in person at the address listed below. You will meet with staff for an intake and review of application. In addition, the City will accept applications via email at Housing@Sunrisefl.gov. Applications submitted electronically must be complete, including all supporting documentation, and originals must be delivered to the Grants Division within 5 business days. Any email submissions received prior to 9:00 AM on Monday November 8, 2021 will not be considered.

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