

# CARES RENT RELIEF PROGRAM

## APPLICATION FACT SHEET

The CARES Rent Relief Program (CARES RRP) was established to provide rental assistance to assist households experiencing job loss or a substantial loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Renters who have experienced job loss or a reduction in annual income due to the Coronavirus pandemic; and
- Landlords that have lost rental income because a renter has experienced job loss or a reduction in income as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

### TO QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM:

- Renter must document at least a 30% reduction in income since March 1, 2020, related to COVID-19; or
- Renter must have become unemployed after March 1, 2020 as a result of COVID-19; and
- Renter's income may not exceed the Area Median Income for their county of residence (and adjusted for the number people in your household).
- To find the Area Median Income by county, go to:
  - o <https://phfa.org/pacares/>
    - Select "CARES RRP County Income Limits"; or
  - o <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>
    - Select 2020 as the year and choose the "Click Here for FY 20 IL Documentation" button to view the income limit per household size.

### ASSISTANCE PROVIDED ON YOUR BEHALF:

- Up to \$750/month per lessee household (or up to 100% of monthly rent);
- For a maximum of six months of assistance between March 1 and December 30, 2020.
- Payments will be made to the landlord on behalf of the renter.
- Applications will be accepted beginning July 6, 2020.
- The deadline to submit applications is September 30, 2020.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO APPLY:

- If you think you are eligible for this rent relief program, please contact your local county agency.
- A link to the participating agency in each county is available at <https://phfa.org/pacares/>.
- Applications can be downloaded at this website or at your county agency website.
- Applications can be downloaded, completed (with required documents) and may be submitted either electronically or by mail.
- A complete CARES RRP application consists of the following documents:
  - o Landlord Application
  - o Landlord Property Certification
  - o Lessee Household Certification/Renter Application
- The mailing address for each county is available at <https://phfa.org/pacares/>.