



Allegheny County CARES Rent Relief Program AC C-RRP

Community Briefing

July 2, 2020

AC CARES-RRP: Background

- **House Bill 2510:** On May 29, 2020, Governor Wolf signed into law legislation allocating the Commonwealth's federally funded Coronavirus Relief Fund to various programs across the state. The **legislation included the creation of dedicated rental assistance program** to help those whose livelihoods have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic stay in their homes.
- **Pennsylvania Housing and Finance Agency (PHFA):** PA's rental assistance program funds are being managed by PHFA, and allocated to each County for implementation of the PHFA's CAREs Rent Relief Program in-keeping with PHFA's established CARES Rent Relief Program rules and requirements.
- **Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED):** ACED is receiving and implementing this program on behalf of Allegheny County. ACED is working closely with Allegheny County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) and many community partners.

AC CARES-RRP: Funding

- **Pennsylvania:** \$150,000,000 statewide for CARES-RRP
- **Allegheny County:** PHFA plans to allocate to Counties based upon a population-weighted formula. Initial projections indicate Allegheny County could receive up to \$22,500,000; however this is dependent upon eligible application volume and expenditures.
- **Renter:** Up to \$750/month per lessee household for a maximum of six months of assistance between March 1 and December 30, 2020. Total max per leasee is \$4,500. Rent can be for arrears or forward rent or both with max of 6 months total.

AC CARES-RRP: Program Structure & Partners

- **Inquiries, Intake and Eligibility Provider:** ACTION Housing, Inc. Services will include:
 - Hotline: staff a C-RRP dedicated hotline to answer questions about the program from perspective applicants (renters and landlords)
 - Review all program applications:
 - Review and analyze all program applications including required documentation.
 - Communicate with Leasee/landlords regarding missing/incomplete documentation/incomplete applications.
 - Determine Leasee eligibility and initial landlord eligibility.
- **Rental Assistance Providers:** Auberle, Community Human Services & Urban League. Services include:
 - Receive referrals from ACTION
 - Undertake limited case management and household budgeting with Leasees
 - Complete Landlord Application including required documentation, as required
 - Prepare Leasee-specific Financial Assistance Package
- **Rental Assistance Payments:**
 - Rental Assistance Providers will submit Leasee-specific completed Financial Assistance Packages to ACED for approval.
 - ACED will approve (or request additional information as needed) payment and arrange for funds to be disbursed to the Landlord via ACTION Housing

AC CARES-RRP: Additional Partners

- **Outreach & Leasee Application Assistance Partners:**
- Contracted Providers: ACED & ACDHS will be working & contracting with community organizations who will assist with outreach and community/renter engagement and will also help C-RRP renter applicants complete applications and submit required supporting documentation.
- Partners: Please help us spread the word to get this important and much-needed resources to our renters! AC is preparing outreach and communication materials for use.
- **Legal & Mediation Service Providers**: Referral systems are being developed with mediation and legal service providers.
- **Others**: YOU!

AC CARES-RRP: Eligibility

- **Renter/Leasee - CORE ELIGIBILITY**

- Must be under 100% Area Median Income for household size **AND**
- Be unemployed, verified by the PA Dept of Labor and Industry after March 1, 2020 **OR**
- Have lost more than 30% of Lessee income after March 1, 2020
- Must also be at least 30 days late in rental payments

- **Landlord: CORE ELIGIBILITY**

- Must have a landlord willing to participate in the program that completes an application and certification documents
- Must agree to forgo any additional rent owed for the month's C-RRP payment is received and also agree to not pursue eviction for 60 days after final C-RRP payment is made.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Gross Income	\$58,100	\$66,400	\$74,700	\$83,000	\$89,700	\$96,300

AC CARES-RRP: Two Applications

1. Leasee Application

- Inclusive of Leasee supporting documentation

2. Landlord Application & Certification

- Inclusive of Landlord supporting documentation

Application Process can be initiated by either party.

Both applications inclusive of supporting documentation must be complete to move forward.

This is a first-come first-served program as determined by complete applications inclusive of all documentation submitted.

AC CARES-RRP: INFORMATION

- **Website:** Allegheny County has a one stop website for information on the AC-CRR Program:

www.COVIDRentRelief.AlleghenyCounty.us

- **Phone:** ACTION Housing has a dedicated hotline to answer applicant questions:

412-248-0021

AHICaresRRP@actionhousing.org

AC CARES-RRP: HOW TO APPLY

- **Web-based application:** Scheduled to be available Friday, July 10th, access here:
www.COVIDRentRelief.AlleghenyCounty.us

- **Mailed/Drop-off Applications:**

Allegheny County Economic Development
CARES Rent Relief Program Application (must include)
Chatham One, Suite 900
112 Washington Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

- **Email Applications:**

- Email to COVIDRentRelief@Alleghenycounty.us.
- Emailed applications will only be accepted until July 9, 2020. After that, all electronic submissions must be completed online. Email application submission instructions are located on the website.

Applications will be accepted from July 6th to September 30th or earlier if funds run out.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS