



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pompano Beach

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COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Begins on July, 22nd

In response to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) the City of Pompano Beach will provide much needed emergency rental assistance, covering rent payments for up to twelve months (including in arrears) to alleviate the housing burden for low income households that have experienced an economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistance will be capped at \$25,000 and could include first, last and security deposit and relocation assistance. Amounts in arrears prior to March 1, 2020 are not eligible for assistance.

The goal of the Rental Assistance Program is to alleviate financial pressure for low-to-moderate income households as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as to provide greater economic security to tenants and rental property owners.

Funds will be used for eviction prevention due to a hardship caused by COVID-19 for rent payments not to exceed 12 months, from March 1, 2020 to current. Assistance can include rent in arrears and charges, and rent payments to prevent eviction. It can also be used for housing re-entry assistance, such as security deposits.

Once the City receives the complete application package submitted online, the file will be reviewed for eligibility. Client eligibility will be determined based on the following requirements:

- Renters living in the City of Pompano Beach
- At least one person in the household must have a financial hardship from COVID-19 (i.e. reduced work hours, laid off, childcare closed, etc.)
- At least one person in the household must have a risk of homelessness or housing instability (i.e. received past due notice or eviction notice)
- The assistance requested if for an eligible use
- The total household income is at or below 80% of the area median income

All payments made on behalf of the applicant will be paid directly to the landlord or other eligible third party. Under no circumstance will the payment be made directly to the household.

All applicants will be served on a first eligible, first serve basis with ARPA funds, while funds last.

All program documentation, requirements and application can be found at:

<https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/copbfl/Participant>

Select the "Emergency Rental Assistance Program" option: The link will go live on July 22nd at 8:00 a.m. The link to apply will also be on the Home Page of the City's website at www.pompanobeachfl.gov.

Residents who do not have access to a computer or Internet can call 954-786-4659.