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Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

Welcome & Opening Remarks: Tia Blount, Director of Public Affairs and Communications

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CDBG COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

Presented by: Darcel Cox, Chief Compliance Officer

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CDBG Covid-19 Rental Assistance Program

- CDBG Program:
 - What is the CDBG Covid-19 Rental Assistance Program?



Eligibility Requirements

- **Minimum Requirements:**
 - Have COVID-related financial hardship
 - Households must have a delinquent rent balance
 - Household gross income is at or below the following:
 - 1 Person household \$63,000
 - 2 Person household \$72,000
 - 3 Person household \$81,000
 - 4 Person household \$90,000
 - 5 Person household \$97,200

Eligibility Requirements (cont.)

- Households must have experienced a financial hardship due to or related to COVID-19
 - Hours reduced
 - Job loss, furlough, lay-off
 - Unable to work due to school or daycare closing
 - Lost income due to caring for a family member with COVID-19
- Households that are behind on their rent obligations
 - Qualified household is eligible for a maximum benefit amount of six (6) months of rent ONLY, excluding utilities and fees (late, parking, pet, etc.)

Application Requirements

- CDBG Rental Application (all members 18 and older must sign the application)
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (all members 18 and older must sign the disclosure form)
- If customers have recertified between **January 2022 – February 2023**, additional documentation may not be required
- If customers have **NOT** recertified between **January 2022 – February 2023**, only one of the following documents may be required: Paystubs, Tax Return OR Bank Statements

Self-Certification Affidavit

- The customer can complete the self-certification affidavit in the event they have exhausted all efforts to obtain documentation to support a COVID-related hardship, such as:
 - Furlough/Layoff letter
 - Closure of daycare center
 - Pay Stubs
- The customer must provide a detailed description of the COVID Impact including the dates of the hardship and why they are unable to provide the supporting documents

Frequently Asked Questions

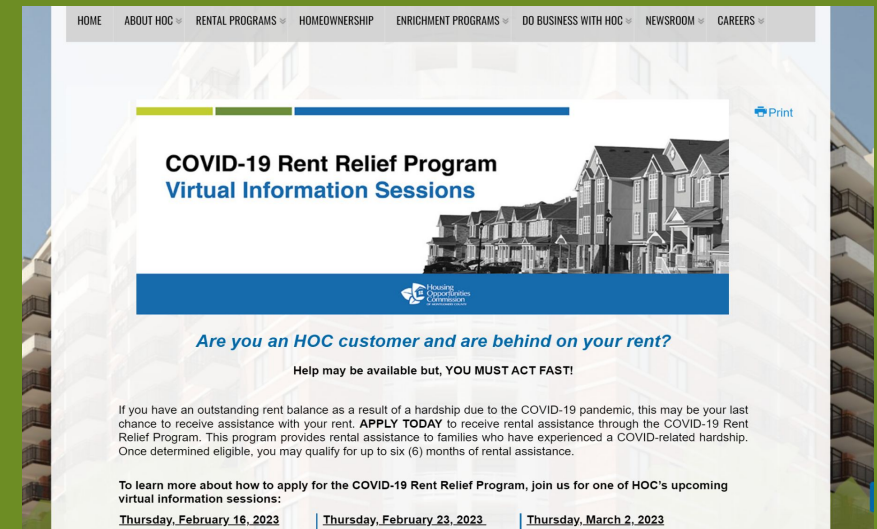
- I received COVID related rental assistance from another program, am I eligible for assistance from CDBG?
 - Yes, even if you already received COVID Rent Relief Program funds from another program, you are eligible to apply for additional funds from the CDBG Program
- Will you file in court for non-payment of rent if I have an application pending?
 - No, HOC will not file in court for non-payment during this process.

Final Notes

- Customers must submit the application and supporting documents no later than **June 1, 2023**
- Completed applications along with supporting documents can be emailed to cdbg_rap@hocmc.org
- Contact your Property Manager or Resident Counselor to obtain a CDBG application and Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form.

Final Notes (cont.)

- Fillable CDBG Application and Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form are available at hocmc.org/RentRelief →
- If you need assistance with completing the application, you can request an in-person or virtual appointment at hocmc.org/RentRelief.



Final Notes (cont.)

- Staff will render a decision within 30-days from the time that HOC has received all documents
- Award of funds will go directly to your property manager to apply to your account

Final Notes (cont.)

- Reasons why an application would be denied:
 - Household did not experience a COVID related financial hardship
 - Household gross income exceeds the income limit
- For any updates regarding your application, please contact your Property Manager or Resident Counselor (resident.services@hocmc.org). You may also send questions to CDBG_Rap@hocmc.org



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Resident Services Resources

Presented by: Rita Harris, Special Assistant to the
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RESIDENT SERVICES RESOURCES

- Housing Stabilization Program
- Financial Literacy Services
- HOC Academy
- Fatherhood Initiative



Housing Stabilization Program

The Housing Stabilization Program is an emergency services program that provides financial assistance for rent arrearages, utility arrearages, security deposits, moving expenses, and storage fees. You must have a documented emergency to be eligible. For rental assistance you must have an eviction notice from the court. For utility assistance you must have a shut off notice.

CONTACTS:

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Rockville DHHS office- Zulma Sum
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240-777-4550
Silver Spring DHHS - Sherrell Linton
240-777-3076

Financial Literacy Services

Financial Literacy Services are offered to help individuals manage their finances and improve their credit scores, thereby enhancing their chances maintaining their housing and improving the quality of their lives. Services are provided via group workshops and one-on-one coaching.

CONTACT:

flcoach@hocmc.org

HOC Academy

The HOC Academy provides education, training and enrichment services/programs for HOC customers. The Youth Enrichment Services focuses on STEM and STEAM programming for HOC youth. Education (including tuition assistance), job training and job referral/placement opportunities are provided under the Adult Education and Workforce Development component.

CONTACT:

Youth STEM Enrichment: Youth@hocmc.org

Adult Education and Workforce Development: AEWD@hocmc.org

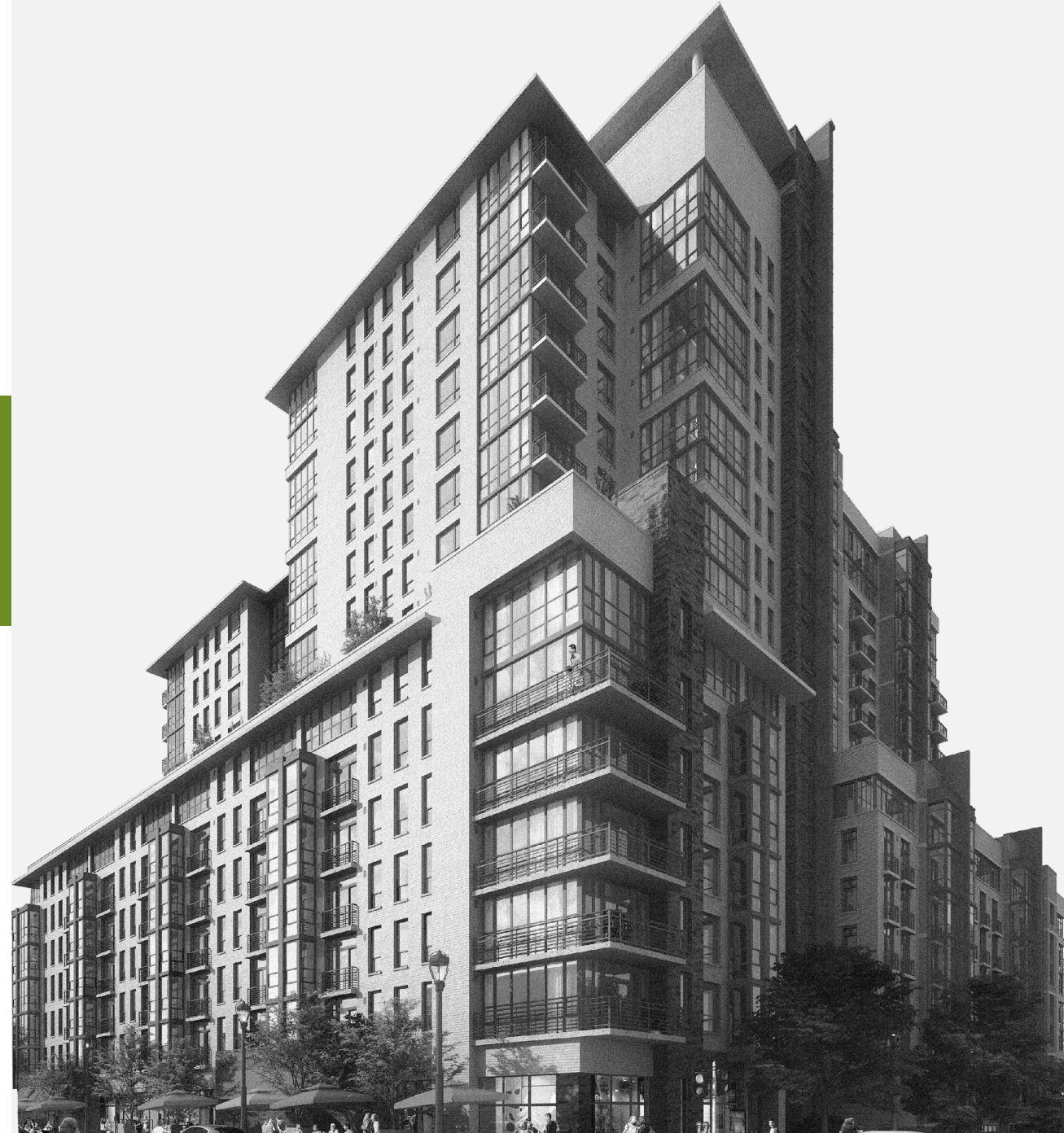
Fatherhood Initiative

The Fatherhood Initiative promotes the strengthening of fathers and their families. The program provides parenting education, case management services, financial assistance for educational classes and training, and participation incentives.

CONTACT:

Fathersmatter@hocmc.org

Thank You



Questions???

Drop your question in the Q&A feature or the chat below

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Ready to submit the application? Email it to: cdbg_rap@hocmc.org
- Need appointment? Send email to: resident.services@hocmc.org
- Have specific questions? Send email to: help@hocmc.org

