



RENTAL HARDSHIP TO IMPACTED SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Aid for Rental Expenses and Household Utility Costs

RHISE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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SERVICE OBJECTIVE: To mitigate the acute threat of housing insecurity, posed by a resident's imminent eviction and / or utility service disconnection, due to loss of wage-earnings and associated adverse economic impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.

CLIENT ELIGIBILITY:

Employees or independent contractors who have experienced involuntary job loss (lay-offs and / or unpaid furloughs), due to temporary closure of normal business operations. Particularly, the interruption of work activity must have been a result of official public health mandates for social distancing (in order to limit COVID-19 infectious community spread). The following impacted service industries include, but are not limited to:

- Community Service Organizations (non-profit)
- Child Care and Health Care
- Educational (Schools, Colleges and Universities)
- Retail and Customer Service
- Food, Hospitality and Entertainment

Household Income < 60% Area Median (\$47,640 for family of 4)

Rental leaseholder of residential property located in Fayette County

PROGRAM CRITERIA (one of the following must apply):

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| a. Past Due Housing Costs > 30 days | (Documentation: Landlord, Property Manager or Utility Co.) |
| b. Imminent Residential Eviction | (Documentation: 7-day notice/Forcible Detainer) |
| c. Imminent Utility Disconnection | (Documentation: Shut off notice from Utility Company) |

BENEFIT STANDARDS:

- ✓ Maximum Aggregate Benefit = up to \$4,000 per household
- ✓ Rental support is limited to equivalent of 6 month's rent expense
- ✓ Utility support is limited to maximum cumulative expense of \$1,500

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Amendment to 2019 Consolidated Plan
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act of 2020)

PROGRAM PERIOD:

Anticipated July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, or until funding is exhausted

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR:

LFUCG Division of Community & Resident Services (*formerly Adult & Tenant Services*)