

# THE CITY OF HAVERHILL

## EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Have you lost income because of COVID-19? The City of Haverhill is providing much needed relief to the residents of Haverhill that are having trouble paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities.

Applicants that meet the program guidelines listed below are eligible to apply for Emergency Rental Assistance. Qualifying families will be eligible to receive up to 90 days of assistance that will not exceed \$2,100. Monthly assistance will be determined on a case by case basis and may not assist with back rent payment (rent arrears). All payments made on behalf of the applicant will be paid directly to the landlord. Under no circumstance will the payment be made directly to the household.

\*Please note rental assistance may not assist with back rent payment (rent arrears). \*

To maximize public resources, applicants must demonstrate that there has been an effort made to ask landlords to contribute by offering rent reductions.

For questions about the programs or questions about the application, please contact the Community Development office at 978-374-2344 or email [acampbell@cityofhaverhill.com](mailto:acampbell@cityofhaverhill.com).

To qualify for this financial assistance, you must:

- Rent an apartment or house in the City of Haverhill.
- Have a demonstrated gap between household income prior to COVID-19 and now.
- Be fully paid-up on your rent as of March 1, 2020.
- Meet the state regulated low/moderate income guidelines listed below.

| Persons in Household | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Low/Moderate Income  | \$54,900 | \$62,750 | \$70,600 | \$78,400 | \$84,700 | \$90,950 |

You must provide these documents:

- Online COVID-19 Rental Assistance Application; and
- A copy of your valid, current lease, or documentation of a month-to-month tenancy arrangement, signed by your landlord; and
- Evidence of loss of income due to COVID-19.
- Unemployment Notice of Benefits Eligibility Letter, if you have received one.
- ID for each name/names on your lease.

Your landlord must also agree to:

- Waive late fees, interest, and penalties for the months back rent is owed, between April 1 and July 30; and
- Not pursue eviction for nonpayment of rent during the months covered by the program.

We are all in this together. In order to maximize public resources, applicants must demonstrate that there has been an effort made to ask landlords to contribute by offering rent reductions.