

INDIANA'S LOOMING HOUSING CRISIS

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Indiana COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program Overview



OVERVIEW

\$25,000,000 from IN CARES Act Discretionary funds for rental assistance

Rental Assistance Fund ("RAF") administered by IHCDA

Goal = improve housing stability and prevent evictions

Program announcement 6/24/20

Program launch 7/13/20



ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS

Household applies at indianahousingnow.org beginning 7/13/20 @ 9:00am Eastern

A household must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Indiana renter household that lives outside of Marion County
- Experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19 because of an involuntary job layoff, reduced work hours, or reduced pay. Current household income, including unemployment benefits, must be below household income prior to March 6, 2020.
- Rent burdened or at risk of eviction or termination of tenancy for nonpayment of rent
- Must not currently receive rental assistance through Section 8 (tenant-based or project-based) or USDA Rural Development rental assistance programs or live in a public housing unit
- May not receive another source of emergency rental assistance as part of a COVID-19 response for any month for which the household is receiving RAF assistance



ELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE

Rental Assistance and Arrears

- Each household is eligible for up to four months of assistance, including any combination of previous months (arrears) and future months (rental assistance).
- The assistance cannot exceed \$500 for any month, for a total benefit not to exceed \$2000 per household. The monthly amount of rental assistance cannot exceed the contract rent listed on the lease for the household.
- Arrears payments can cover only past due rent that accumulated on or after April 1, 2020 and late fees charged by the owner for rent due on or after April 1, 2020.
- Payments will be made directly to the landlord by IHCDA on behalf of the household.
- Assistance is available to each household only once and may not be reapplied for following the initial assistance term.



INELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE

Program funds may not be used for the following activities:

- Mortgage assistance for homeowners
- Assistance for persons currently experiencing homelessness
- Payment of late fees for future months (i.e. late fees assessed after the Eligible Household has been approved for assistance)
- Payment of arrears or late fees accrued prior to April 1, 2020
- Utility assistance
- Security deposit assistance
- Payment of damages or other fees, except outstanding late rent fees as defined above



LEASE ADDENDUM & TENANT PROTECTIONS

A household receiving RAF assistance must execute an RAF Addendum to Lease with its landlord.

The term of the Addendum is four months from execution, regardless of which months are covered by assistance.

The landlord cannot assess late fees and cannot evict or otherwise terminate tenancy for nonpayment or late payment of rent until such time that the household is 45+ days delinquent on their rent portion, as defined in Table A of the Addendum. If a landlord initiates a termination of tenancy, the landlord must provide written notice including the reason for termination to the tenant and to IHCDA via RAF@ihcda.in.gov.

During the term of the Addendum, the landlord cannot increase the contract rent without notifying and receiving approval from IHCDA.



PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS

Network of statewide partners who sign up to participate:

- Community Action Agencies
- Public Housing Authorities
- Township Trustee Offices

PP responsibilities

- Execute a Participating Provider Agreement with IHCDA
- Work with applicants and landlords to collect current lease documents and documentation of arrears and determine the eligible amount and distribution of assistance between arrears and rental assistance
- Work with landlords to obtain information for payment method (check or direct deposit, W-9) and to execute the Rental Assistance Fund Addendum to Lease
- Submit client files (lease, Addendum to Lease, and landlord payment information)
 through the Submittable portal within two business days of approval

PPs are <u>not</u> responsible for determining eligibility or working with renters to complete the application. Intake and screening is handled through indianahousingnow.org with a call center available for assistance







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Indiana's Looming Housing Crisis

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Overview

- Indiana's Eviction Moratorium
- Federal Eviction Moratorium
- Current Tenant Advocacy
- Questions

Indiana's Eviction Moratorium

Indiana Eviction "Pause"

- Initiated on March 19, 2020
- Extended through until July 31, 2020 (as of 7/7/20)
- "No eviction...action[]...may be initiated...."
- Tenants still obligated to pay rent

Indiana's Eviction "Pause"

- Governor Holcomb encouraged landlords and tenants to enter into repayment agreements in Executive Order 20-33
 - "Landlords and tenants....are strongly encouraged to work together to establish reasonable repayment plans for past due rent...."
- Guidance coming from the Courts
- Encourage community leaders to work with tenants to assist in making payment plans
 - Forms should be available

Federal Eviction Moratorium

Federal Eviction Moratorium

- On March 18, 2020 HUD issued an eviction moratorium
 - Only applies to FHA-insured mortgaged properties and FHA-insured single family properties
- On March 27, 2020 Congress passed the CARES Act
 - Implemented a federal eviction moratorium to certain "covered properties"
 - Includes required, heightened notice provisions

CARES Act "Covered Properties" under HUD

- Public Housing
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program
- Section 8 project-based housing
- Section 202 (housing for the elderly)
- Section 811 (housing for people with disabilities)
- Section 236 multifamily rental housing
- Section 221(d)(3) BMIR housing
- HOME
- HOPWA
- McKinney-Vento Act homelessness programs

CARES ACT "Covered Properties" under Department of Agriculture

- Section 515 Rural Rental Housing
- Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing
- Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants
- Section 538 multifamily rental housing

CARES Act "Covered Properties under Department of Treasury

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC/Section 42)

CARES Act "Covered Properties"

- Rural Housing Voucher Program
- Properties with federally backed mortgage loans (1-4 units)
- Properties with federally backed multifamily mortgage loans (5+ units)

CARES Act Eviction Moratorium

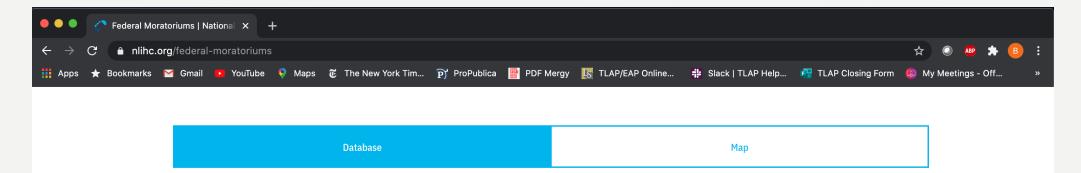
- Took effect on March 27, 2020
 - Extends for 120 days (i.e. July 25, 2020)
- Restricts landlords/owners from filing new eviction actions for nonpayment of rent
- Prohibits "charg[ing] fees, penalties, or other charges to the tenant to such nonpayment of rent"

CARES Act Notice Requirement

- 30 Day Notice Required
 - May not be given until after the moratorium period
 - Remember: only applies to nonpayment of rent cases
- Note: due process
 - Landlord failure to provide notice should allow for dismissal
 - "Good cause" to evict requirement still enforced (e.g., public housing, LIHTC)

HUD Extension of Federal Eviction Moratorium

- On June 17, 2020 HUD extended the eviction moratorium on FHA-insured properties to August 31, 2020
- National Low Income Housing Coalition database for federally insured mortgaged properties: www.nlihc.org/federal-moratoriums
 - Search tenant's address for database to see if property qualifies for extension



Multifamily Properties Subject to Federal Eviction Moratorium City Search Source Property Name Address State Zip Code City HUD/USDA/LI.. 1905 E 4TH AVE **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 Null HUD/USDA/LI.. Null 1928 JUNEAU DR **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 **Zip Code Search** HUD/USDA/LI.. AASC HOUSING I 420 E 11TH AVE **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 ΑK Fannie Mae ANCHORAGE 11-PLEX 519 E 11TH AVE **ANCHORAGE** 99501 HUD/USDA/LI.. ANCHORAGE CENTRAL **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 1281 E 19TH AVE HUD/USDA/LI.. ANCHORAGE SOUTH 801 KARLUK ST **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 This table relies on data from HUD, HUD/USDA/LI.. CHESTER PARK ESTATES 1019 E 20TH AVE **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 USDA, IRS, FHA, Fannie Mae, and HUD/USDA/LI.. CHUGACH VIEW 1280 E 17TH AVE **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 Freddie Mac. Though the table includes many rental properties covered by the ΑK HUD/USDA/LI.. GEORGE SULLIVAN MAN.. 420 E 3RD AVE **ANCHORAGE** 99501 federal moratorium on evictions, it is 10 HUD/USDA/LI.. HILLPOINT APARTMENTS 315 BARROW ST **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 not exhaustive. The table largely 11 Fannie Mae HORIZON WEST APART.. 540 L ST **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 excludes single-family rental properties 12 (i.e. properties with 1 to 4 units) and HUD/USDA/LI.. LOUSSAC-SOGN 429 D ST ΑK 99501 ANCHORAGE does not include all Fannie Mae and 13 MCKINLEY TOWER APAR.. 337 E 4TH AVE **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 FHA Freddie Mac multifamily mortgages. 14 HUD/USDA/LI.. MERRILL CROSSING APA.. 1275 E 9TH AVE **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 Housing Choice Vouchers and Project-15 Based Vouchers are also not included. PARK PLAZA II APARTME.. 1553 A ST Fannie Mae **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 Multiple addresses may be associated 16 923 E 17TH AVE HUD/USDA/LI.. SHILOH ESTATES **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 with a given property, but not included 17 HUD/USDA/LI.. THE ADELAIDE 201 E 9TH AVE **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99501 in the table. It is possible that your home is covered by the moratorium, 18 ANCHORAGE 16-PLEX 7031 WEIMER RD **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99502 Fannie Mae but not included in the table or map. 19 Fannie Mae C&J APARTMENTS 8036 LOGANBERRY ST ANCHORAGE ΑK 99502 We will continue to refine and update 20 HUD/USDA/LI.. JEWEL LAKE PLAZA 8300 JEWEL LAKE RD **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99502 this table as more data become available. Updated 6/20. 21 HUD/USDA/LI.. JEWEL LAKE VILLA APAR.. 3640 W 88TH AVE **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99502 22 HUD/USDA/LI.. **ANCHORAGE** ΑK 99502 JEWEL LAKE VILLA APAR.. 8980 BLACKBERRY ST For more information, email NLIHC 23 ΑK 99502 Fannie Mae NORTHWOOD APARTME.. 7060 NORTHWOOD ST **ANCHORAGE** research at research@nlihc.org. 24 HUD/USDA/LI.. STRAWBERRY VILLAGE 7788 STRAWBERRY COT., ANCHORAGE ΑK 99502 National Housing Preservation Database (2020): https://www.preservationdatabase.org Federal Housing Administration (2020), Fannie Mae (2020), and Freddie Mac (2020)

Current Tenant Advocacy

Landlords Violating Eviction Moratorium

- Indiana Attorney General Consumer Complaint
 - Online complaint form
- Contact Attorney or Legal Aid Provider
 - Indiana Legal Services, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, local legal aid, etc.
 - Local and state bar associations
- If a court case is filed, advise the judge, in writing, that the eviction filing is in violation of the eviction moratorium

Preparing for a Surge of Eviction Filings

- Public encouragement to landlords to work with tenants
- Rental assistance for tenants
 - IHCDA Statewide Rental Assistance Program
 - Marion County:
 - City of Indianapolis
 - CHIP
- Current support/resources to prepare for the surge:
 - City of Indianapolis Tenant Hotline: (317) 327-2228 (2ACT)
 - Tenant Legal Assistance Project and Eviction Avoidance Project

FREE LEGAL INFORMATION FOR MARION COUNTY TENANTS

INDIANA LEGAL SERVICES, INC.

TENANT HELP DESK HOTLINE

317-973-1673

EVERY THURSDAY IN JULY FROM 11:00AM - 1:00PM

TROUBLE WITH YOUR LANDLORD?

CALL THE ILS TENANT HELP DESK HOTLINE DURING HOURS OF OPERATION
TO SPEAK WITH AN ATTORNEY ABOUT YOUR LANDLORD-TENANT ISSUE AND
GET FREE LEGAL INFORMATION!

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CALL DURING HOURS OF OPERATION. YOU MAY CALL THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS TENANT INFORMATION HOTLINE AT 317-327-2228



Working with Tenants

- Ensure CARES Act protections are enforced, if applicable
 - Timing requirement
 - Notice requirement
 - Basis for termination
- Knowing private sources for rental assistance
 - Including the UWCI COVID-19 Relief Fund
 - Community Groups
 - Churches, Synagogues, Mosques other faith leaders need to consider how they can support emergency relief efforts
- Helping with negotiation on payment plans with the landlord
 - Get any agreements in writing
- Retaliation?
 - City of Indianapolis Ordinance

Thank You!

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QUESTIONS?





