

*****IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NY GOVERNOR
ANDREW CUOMO'S OFFICE REGARDING RENTAL ASSISTANCE –
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED JULY 16 - JULY 30*****

Covid Rent Relief Program: New York Rental Subsidy

Effective today, July 16, per the announcement from the Governor's office, New York renters impacted by the pandemic can apply to a new COVID **Rental Assistance Program**. The program will provide direct aid for tenants who lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is funded through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which is part of the CARES Act.

New Yorkers can access program applications [here](#)

Please review the criteria, documentation requirements, FAQ, and video on this page to determine your eligibility to reply: <https://hcr.ny.gov/RRP>.

The COVID Rent Relief Program will provide eligible households with a one-time rental subsidy that will be sent directly to the household's landlord. Applicants will not need to repay this assistance. The Covid Rent Relief Program is not first come, first served. Applications will be accepted throughout the two-week application period. HCR will prioritize eligible households with "greatest economic and social need" accounting for income, rent burden, percent of income lost and risk of homelessness.

The rental assistance payment will cover the difference between the household's rent burden on March 1, 2020 and the increase in rent burden for the months the household is applying for assistance. Households can apply for up to four months in rental assistance.

Please see below for additional resources on eviction prevention, affordable housing protection, and state/local rental assistance:

Just Shelter: <https://justshelter.org/>

National Low Income Housing Coalition: <https://nlihc.org/rental-assistance>