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SD Emergency Rental Assistance

WHAT IS IT?

South Dakota Housing Development Authority with local partner agencies are providing emergency housing and utility assistance for South Dakota residents through Federal COVID Stimulus funds. If you have been financially impacted due to COVID-19, the SD CARES Housing Assistance Program may provide temporary housing or utility assistance for South Dakota residents who meet all of the following criteria:

CRITERIA 1

Households income qualify based on county of residence. Refer to the following link for income limits based on the type of assistance requested, you must fall below the income level listed for your county and household size: [Rental Income Guidelines](#).

CRITERIA 2

Have one or more individuals in the household who has qualified for unemployment benefits, experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs or experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to the coronavirus outbreak.

CRITERIA 3

Have one or more individuals in the household that have a past due utility bill, rent notice or are able to prove that they are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

WHERE TO START?

Apply online at www.sdhda.org/social-programs/cares-act-housing-assistance-program/cares-act-housing-assistance-program-2

You will be asked to complete the full application and will be expected to submit required documentation before assistance is provided.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU APPLY?

You will receive an email indicating that your application has been received. This tokenized email will be your access to your application so it is very important that you do not lose this email. You will use this tokenized email to log back into the application and manage your account.

Upon submission, your application will be assigned to one of the partner agencies and they will be in contact with you for any additional documents or information that may be necessary.

DEADLINE TO APPLY.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through September 1, 2022, or until such time as funds no longer are available.

HOW MUCH ASSISTANCE CAN YOU RECEIVE?

The amount of assistance received by each household will be based on each household's circumstance. Each household may receive up to 12 months of assistance if determined necessary. There is no limit on the dollar amount of assistance provided for each month. All past-due rent and utilities back to March 13, 2020 will be paid first with remaining funds available for prospective (future) assistance. Funding will be available at least through September 30, 2022.



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