

HOUSTON-HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Administered by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and BakerRipley



FOR RENTERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

The City of Houston and Harris County are working together to provide rent and utilities assistance to families who are at risk of losing their homes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds are distributed by BakerRipley and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

OVERVIEW

- Help for past-due rent dating back to April 2020, and up to two months of future rent – for a maximum of 18 months total
- Utility assistance available for past-due electricity, gas or other utility expenses charged through the landlord
- Rent assistance is paid to participating landlords enrolled in the program
- If a landlord is not enrolled, direct assistance may be available for payment to tenant
- Assistance is not first-come, first-served, but is distributed randomly.

RENTERS

- Household income at or below 80% of HUD Area Median Family Income, AND...
- Experiencing housing instability or risk of homelessness, due to past due rent or utilities, or an eviction note, AND...
- Experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic due to reduced work hours, unemployment, business closure, or significant new costs.

LANDLORDS

- Landlords register up-front for fastest payment: tenants select landlord when applying
- Funds for past-due, current and future rent go directly to landlord through electronic payment (ACH)
- Landlords must be verified as owners of property for which tenants apply for assistance

Data by October 15, 2021



58,482

HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED WITH ASSISTANCE PLEDGED OR PROVIDED



\$283.4M

TOTAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE (MINUS ADMINISTRATIVE)



127,589

TOTAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

\$225.6M

ASSISTANCE PLEDGED OR PROVIDED

\$60.2M

REMAINING FUNDS



21,305

PARTICIPATING LANDLORD LOCATIONS



Early December 2021

PROJECTED COMPLETION

HoustonHarrisHelp.org

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