Have you lost income because of COVID-19? If you are having trouble paying your rent, the City of Baltimore may be able to help.

Baltimore City is launching a temporary rent support program designed to help people who have lost income because of COVID-19 pay their rent. The program will support eligible renters by making rent payments to landlords.

To be eligible:

• You must rent an apartment or house in Baltimore City

• You must have lost income because of COVID-19

• You must have been fully paid-up on your rent as of March 31

• Your landlord must have a City rental property license valid during the period from April 1 through June 30

You do NOT have to have been diagnosed with COVID-19 to be eligible.

You must also meet these income guidelines:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
1	$36,400
2	$41,600
3	$46,800
4	$52,000
5	$56,200
6	$60,350
7	$64,500
8	$68,650

Income guidelines apply to your income before the COVID-19 related loss.

If you are receiving COVID-19 unemployment benefits, you must make a contribution toward your back rent for April, May and/or June 2020.

You are NOT eligible if:

• You live in public housing

• You receive other government rental assistance (Section 8, Housing Choice Vouchers, etc.)

• You live in a State assisted building

• You have unpaid rent from before April

You must provide these documents:

• A copy of your valid, current lease, or documentation of a month-to-month tenancy arrangement, signed by your landlord;

• Proof of income from before COVID-19-related income loss for all adult members of the household; and

• Picture ID for each name/names on your lease.

You will have to submit:

• The online application;

• Information on how COVID-19 caused your income loss, and a certification that your income loss was due to COVID-19;

• Unemployment Notice of Benefits Eligibility Letter, if you have received one.

• Information about filings by members of your household for unemployment benefits and the status of those filings.

Your landlord must also agree to:

• Accept the City subsidy and tenant payment as payment in full for the months back rent is owed;

• Waive late fees, interest and penalties for the months back rent is owed, between April 1 and June 30; and

• Not pursue eviction for nonpayment of rent during the months covered by the program, or during July or August, 2020.

You can apply beginning July 1, 2020.
Visit **https://dhcd.baltimorecity.gov** where a link will be made available at that time to the application portal. The application process will close on Friday, July 10, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

Funding is limited, and every eligible household may not receive assistance.

Priority households for consideration include:

• At least one member of household 60 years old or older

• At least one child under 18

• Three or more people in the household

• No one in household approved for unemployment benefits

More program information and details are available at: https://dhcd.baltimorecity.gov.
If you do not have access to the web, beginning July 1, call 410-396-3023 for help with an application.

If you are not eligible for COVID-19 Temporary Rent Support, please complete an intake form for the Community Action Partnership (CAP) of the City of Baltimore at **https://www.bmorechildren.com/capservices** and follow the links to inquire about Rental Assistance. You can also call 410-545-1938 for more information.