

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: March 30, 2020
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
CC: Jerene Watson, City Manager
Leadership Team
FROM: Xenia Gonzalez, Housing Manager
SUBJECT: AZ Dept of Housing – New Dollars for Rental Assistance impacted by COVID19

The report is for information purposes only.

DISCUSSION:

On March 24, 2020, Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order delaying the enforcement of eviction action orders for renters impacted by COVID-19. The order applies to Arizona renters who are quarantining due to COVID-19 or are facing economic hardship as a result of the outbreak. The order will remain in effect for 120 days.

On Friday, March 27, Governor Ducey announced that \$5 million in new funding will be made available to help Arizonans struggling to make rent due to COVID-19 as part of a Rental Eviction Prevention Assistance Program being launched by the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH). This funding will help families and individuals (who qualify) who are facing a loss of income due to COVID-19 with monthly rent assistance.

Rental assistance may be made available to Arizona households:

- Whose primary residence is a rental unit located in Arizona
- And who have experienced a reduction in income due to COVID-19, that when annualized, does not exceed 100% of the area median income adjusted for family size for the county in which they reside.

The Arizona Department of Housing will launch the program today, Monday, March 30, 2020 with \$5 million initial program funding. Additional funding may be identified for the program as ADOH assesses program utilization along with need.

Arizona renters may apply for this assistance beginning Monday, March 30 via an online application system accessible from ADOH's website at www.azhousing.gov (online self-assessment questionnaire is attached for your information)

Interested applicants who do not have computer access can call their local Community Action Agency to initiate an application over the telephone.

The local Community Action Agency for Cochise County is:

South Eastern Arizona Community Action Program
283 W. 5th Street
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 428-4653
<https://www.seacapaz.com>

RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION:

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Program Qualification Self-Assessment

Answer the questions below to see if you may qualify for rental payment assistance under the Arizona COVID Relief Program. This program is for Arizona residents only who meet other qualifying criteria.

Please answer the questions below as accurately as possible:

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1. Is the property your primary residence? Yes No
2. Is your primary residence located in Arizona? Yes No
3. Is your current hardship due to COVID-19? Yes No
4. Have you received rental payment assistance in the last 12 months? Yes No
Any type of rental payment assistance from this program or other programs
5. What is your monthly rent payment? \$
6. What was your previous monthly pretax household income? \$
The total income from all members of your household before the COVID-19 related hardship started
7. What is your current monthly pretax household income? \$
The total income from all members of your household after the COVID-19 related hardship started
8. Are you current on your rent payments? Yes No
9. Have you received an eviction notice? Yes No
10. How did you learn about our website?

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