

**EVICTION PREVENTION RESOURCES IN COLUMBUS/FRANKLIN COUNTY
FOR NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2020**

HOME Relief Fund 2020 (Hope Fund 2)

IMPACT Community Action Emergency Assistance

Application Portal available starting on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

- Eligibility is 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Level for those impacted by COVID-19
- Financial assistance for rent and water bills from April 1 through 12/31/20
- Primary applicant must have Social Security card
- Emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities, apply online at <https://apply.impacthopefund.org> or by phone at 833-242-4673

Assistance for Specific Populations

Franklin County PRC Program and New PRC Plus Program for Families Struggling to Meet Rent or Facing Eviction

- Franklin County is providing relief for eligible families struggling to meet rent or facing eviction through the [Prevention, Retention and Contingency \(PRC\) and the new PRC Plus Rental Assistance Programs](#). PRC Plus offers one-time assistance payments for Franklin County families with minor children or pregnant woman (3rd trimester) at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.
- If a family qualifies, Franklin County may be able to cover the past due rent up to \$1,500 as well as the next month's rent -- again up to maximum of \$1,500 per month.
- Rental assistance payment(s) are made directly to the landlord.
- While standard PRC is available year-round, the PRC Plus Rental Assistance Program is only June 1 through December 15, 2020. PRC Plus was created by the Franklin County Commissioners and draws from federal CARES Act funds, which are time-limited. Customers must submit a complete application with all required verification by Dec. 15 to receive PRC Plus Rental Assistance. FCDJFS cannot process any applications that are incomplete or missing required verification's as of Dec. 15 and those requests will not be paid.
- For additional information about PRC and the new PRC Plus Rental Assistance programs or learn how to apply, visit <http://jfs.franklincountyohio.gov/PRC>.

Franklin County Veterans Service Commission
(veterans, dependents, survivors)

- Short term financial assistance to include rent, utilities, and food
- Must be a resident of Franklin County for at least 90 days and meet one of the following requirements:
 1. Veteran discharged under honorable conditions,
 2. Current Active Duty Member
 3. Veteran with VA recognized service-connected conditions,
 4. Guard/Reserve previously or currently called to active duty by Presidential Order
- Contact: Application available at 614-525-2500 or <https://vets.franklincountyohio.gov>

Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)
(see specifics below)

- Financial assistance covering rent and utilities
 - Must have a housing voucher from CMHA OR
 - Live in a CMHA owned housing community
- Interim income adjustment
 - Must have a housing voucher from CMHA OR
 - Live in a CMHA owned and subsidized housing community
- 40% of monthly income payment arrangements
 - Must live in a CMHA owned and subsidized housing community
- Contact: (614) 421-6000 or <https://cmhanet.com> or email RiseCenter@cmhanet.com

Additional Assistance

<p>Columbus Urban League Housing Stabilization Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency financial assistance • Must be at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level and have a qualifying emergency • Credit Repair for Housing & Ombudsman Services • Contact: email emergencyassistance@cul.org or 614-484-9111 or https://www.cul.org 	<p>Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE impartial conflict resolution assistance for both landlords and tenants to help them reach a voluntary agreed outcome to eviction-related disputes (win/win “pay and stay” and/or “voluntary move out arrangements” common) • Helps Tenants access emergency rental assistance • Offers mediations M-F by phone and has mediators available on site every day at eviction court • Contact: 614-228-7191 ex 13 or https://communitymediation.com
<p style="text-align: center;">COMPASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited emergency financial assistance for families/individuals facing a challenge that would affect self-sufficiency • Have a qualifying temporary emergency • Employed (full-time, part-time or temporary) – those recently unemployed due to COVID-19 may qualify • Contact: 614-463-9612 or www.compass614.com 	<p style="text-align: center;">Franklin County Municipal Court Self Help Resource Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal information provided to anyone with a civil municipal court issue. • The Center is currently providing online resources only. • Contact: http://www.fcmcselfhelpcenter.org
<p style="text-align: center;">Legal Aid Society of Columbus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal advice and representation to tenants facing eviction • Unemployment Compensation – help for applicants are encountering delays or other difficulties in securing their benefits • Contact: 614-241-2001 or www.columbuslegalaid.org 	<p style="text-align: center;">Physicians CareConnection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance for families with children • Must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline • Contact: 614-884-2441, option 1, then option 4 or www.pcchealth.org
<p style="text-align: center;">HandsOn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn about additional resources in our community, call 2-1-1 or 614-221-2255 for 24 hour information and referral services 	

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