Multifamily Housing Notice 20-10

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To: Developers, Sponsors and Local Housing Contacts

From: Gregory Hare, Director, Multifamily Housing

Re: *Assisted Housing Relief Program Deadline Extended*

The Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) received an incredible response for participation in the Assisted Housing Relief Program and has extended the deadline for applications through August.

The Assisted Housing Relief Program was created to assist families experiencing a COVID-19-related financial hardship that negatively impacts their ability to maintain their rental housing payment. The Program's assistance will be provided directly to the assisted property – providing relief for tenants at home and for landlords experiencing revenue losses that challenge the sustainability of the housing operation. Tenants in eligible properties may receive assistance for unpaid rents for the period beginning **April 1** and ending **July 31, 2020**. Assistance will be paid directly to the property.

The Program is limited to rental units in multifamily projects with State financing or Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC).

Assisted Housing Relief Program Application Notes

- Applications must be submitted via email to dhcd.rentrelief@maryland.gov;
- The email's subject line must include the property name and Assisted Housing Relief Program project ID. (Example, Delight Meadows Senior, Project ID: 0001) Project IDs can be found in the Eligible Property Database;
- All applicant properties must submit the following documents:
  - Assisted Housing Relief Program Application
  - W-9 (Saved as Separate PDF)
  - Owner Loss form dated August 2020 with all tenants listed
  - Tenant Certification for **each** tenant listed on the Owner Loss Form
- No applications will be accepted after **Monday, August 31, 2020**;
- Funding announcements will be made on a rolling basis after the application deadline; and
- *DHCD may close the application process prior to the August 31 deadline if funding is exhausted in advance of that date.*
- ****Please use the Owner Loss form Dated August 2020. The form has been changed to an excel document. Data should be typed into the spreadsheet to utilize formulas****

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Program eligibility criteria and associated documentation may be found at
https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/AHRP-NOFA.aspx

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question: Is my property eligible?

Answer: All eligible properties are included in the Assisted Housing Relief Program Eligible Property Database. Please check the database for your property. You can search by County, City, and Property Name in the top right corner of the page.

Question: My property received funding through CDA, but we aren't on the list. Are we still eligible?

Answer: If you believe your property should be included, please email dhcd.rentrelief@maryland.gov with your Property Name, Funding Source, and DHCD Loan Number. We will verify your request and provide a Project ID number if eligible.

Question: If I applied in the first round of funding, do I have to submit a full application to add additional tenants?

Answer: Applications received before July 31 are currently being processed. If you have already applied prior to July 31 and need to add additional tenants, you only need to submit an Owner Loss form and Tenant Certifications for the additional tenants. Please include in your email that your Application and W-9 were previously submitted.

Question: If a tenant has rental delinquency before April 1, can that be included?

Answer: The Assisted Housing Relief Program only covers rental delinquencies incurred between April 1 – July 31, 2020. When reporting the delinquencies on the Owner Loss and Tenant Certification forms, you should be recording the amount of rent not paid each month (instead of the cumulative delinquency).

Questions? Please submit questions to dhcd.rentrelief@maryland.gov.

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