

Multifamily Housing Notice 20-12

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To: Developers, Sponsors and Local Housing Contacts

From: Gregory Hare, Director, Multifamily Housing

Re: *Assisted Housing Relief Program Update*

The Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) has received an incredible response for participation in the Assisted Housing Relief Program. We have worked closely with our partner organizations to gauge participation and receive feedback on the program. After many conversations DHCD has decided to extend the program to include August delinquencies.

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 **August 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).

Program eligibility criteria, instructions, and associated documentation may be found at <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/AHRP-NOFA.aspx>. Please note that the forms have been updated as of August 17, 2020.

Updated Frequently Asked Questions:

Question: What months are covered under this program?

Answer: The Assisted Housing Relief Program covers rental delinquencies incurred between April 1 – August 31st, 2020 that are due to a COVID-19 related income loss.



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Question: I already submitted an application for April-July delinquencies - how do I add August?

Answer: If you submitted your application prior to July 31st, you should submit the Owner Loss and Tenant Certifications showing just the delinquencies for the month of August since the April-July payments have already been processed. Make sure to use the forms dated August 17th, 2020.

If you submitted your application between August 1st-August 16th, you should submit an updated Owner Losses form and tenant certifications using the forms dated August 17th. The new forms include space for August delinquencies.

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

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