



MULTIFAMILY HOUSING UPDATES

Multifamily Housing Notice 20-14

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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) is extending the Assisted Housing Relief Program (AHRP) to cover rent delinquencies through September. Applications will be accepted starting September 21, 2020. The application period will close on September 30, 2020. DHCD may close the application process prior to the September 30th deadline if funding is exhausted in advance of that date.

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 **September 30, 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 September 11, 2020.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

If you are adding September delinquencies for tenants that were previously submitted, you only need to submit the Owner Loss form with the September delinquency listed. You are responsible for obtaining a signed and dated tenant certification reflecting each month of assistance received, but you do NOT need to resubmit it to DHCD. When DHCD conducts file reviews we will be checking that the Tenant Certifications match the Owner Loss forms.



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If you are adding new tenants for a previously submitted property, you should submit the Owner Loss form and include the signed Tenant Certification.

If you have not previously submitted an application for your property, you must submit an Application, a W-9, an Owner Loss form, and Tenant Certifications.

*Note – You must type your responses in the Owner Loss form. Hand written Owner Loss forms will not be accepted.

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

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