

Multifamily Housing Notice 20-18

December 1, 2020

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) was awarded an additional \$10 million dollars for the Assisted Housing Relief Program (AHRP). DHCD will extend the AHRP to cover rent delinquencies through December. Applications will be accepted starting December 2, 2020. The application period will close on December 18, 2020.

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 **December 31, 2020**. Assistance will be paid directly to the property.

The funding for this program is time sensitive. All applications must be processed by the end of the year. Please review all applications for accuracy. Multiple submissions per property, errors on the Owner Losses, and poor image quality on forms will cause delays and may impact processing.

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 December 1, 2020.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

If you have previously submitted an application for your property, please ensure that no previously reported delinquencies are included on your Owner Loss form.



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When adding additional delinquencies for tenants that have been previously submitted for, please submit the Owner Loss form with *only* the new delinquency listed. **Do not include any previously submitted delinquencies.**

When adding new tenants for a previously submitted property, please submit the Owner Loss form and include the signed Tenant Certification.

For properties submitting for losses for the first time, an Application, a Form W-9, an Owner Loss form, and Tenant Certifications must be submitted

*Note –Hand-written Owner Loss forms are not accepted. Owner Loss forms must be signed.

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

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