



Missoula County
COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUND
Information Sheet

In response to the impact created by the COVID-19 pandemic,
Missoula County has established a **COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUND**.

WHY FUND WAS CREATED

Missoula County Commissioners are deeply concerned for persons who recently lost their jobs because businesses had to close due to COVID-19. Numerous philanthropic, non-profit, and federal assistance efforts are in place to help. Missoula County is joining these efforts to provide assistance with upcoming rent payments.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Persons temporarily out of work or working greatly reduced hours due to state-mandated closures associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and who need help in paying their rent.

WHAT AMOUNT IS AVAILABLE

A one-time maximum payment of \$500 will be made **directly to the household's landlord** if the landlord agrees to participate by completing a Landlord Agreement and providing it to Human Resource Council staff for review.

WHEN IS THE MONEY AVAILABLE

The goal is to make payments to landlords within approximately one week after the request is received from the person in need - if all documentation is received by the Human Resource Council from the landlord within five business days.

HOW TO REQUEST RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Complete an online form on the Human Resource Council website

<https://www.humanresourcecouncil.org/covid-19-emergency-rental-assistance-request>

The person completing the form must provide proof of current or previous employment impacted by COVID-19. The landlord's name and contact information will also need to be provided.

ABOUT THE FUND

Missoula County has established an initial pool of \$50,000 for this emergency rental assistance effort. The operations aspect of receiving requests, contacting landlords, and distribution of the rental payments is being managed by the Human Resource Council and 2-1-1, HRC's AIRS-accredited information and referral service which has specialists on staff who are trained to link people who need help with resources in the community.

LIMITATIONS

(1) Landlords are not eligible to apply on behalf of their renters – the renter must complete the online application. (2) Submitting a request for rental assistance is no guarantee that assistance will be provided – funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis in combination with all required information being provided by both the renter and the landlord in a timely manner. (3) Only persons living in and renting an apartment, house, or similar single-family or multi-family residence in Missoula County are eligible to request rental assistance. (4) One payment per household.