



## COVID-19 Housing-Related Assistance for Residents

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### Anne Arundel County

- [ACDS Eviction Prevention Program](#) provides temporary rental and utility assistance for eligible renters whose employment income has been impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis. Due to the high number of applicants, ACDS asks that applicants complete an intake form. Applicants are considered on a “first come first served” basis.
- [CB46-20](#) prohibits residential rent increases greater than 3% upon the renewal of a lease during the Governor’s catastrophic health emergency and for 120 days thereafter. This bill will take effect 45 days after it is signed by the County Executive (likely mid to late August).

### Baltimore City

- The [COVID-19 Temporary Rent Relief Program](#) provides rental assistance funds for eligible residents who have lost income due to COVID-19. **The application period ends at 7 pm on July 13<sup>th</sup>.**
  - Eligible Residents: To be eligible, residents must:
    - have income equal or less than 50% AMI prior to the crisis
    - have fully paid-up on rent as of March 31st
    - not receive other government housing assistance, and
    - demonstrate income loss due to COVID-19.
  - Landlord Commitment: In exchange for landlords of approved tenants to receive payment for back rent from April – June 30, 2020, they must agree to:
    - Forgive 80% of contract rent for the covered months
    - Not file for eviction due to nonpayment during July and August, although the resident will still owe contract rent.
    - Delinquent rent may not include late fees, interest, or other penalties.
- The [Renter Relief Act](#), prohibits a housing provider from increasing rent and charging late fees during an emergency and within 90 days after the expiration of an emergency. The bill requires a housing provider to inform a resident to disregard any notice of a rental fee if the notice was provided to the resident prior to an emergency and the increase would occur on or after the date the emergency began.

### Baltimore County

- [COVID-19 Eviction Prevention Program](#): the program is currently closed and not currently accepting new applications. If residents applied previously, their applications will be considered based on eligibility and the availability of funds. Residents will be notified directly of their status.



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Due to the high volume of applicants, wait times can vary. Visit their [website](#) regularly for potential new rounds of funding and new programs.

#### City of Frederick

- [Ordinance No. G-20-17](#) prohibits a landlord from increasing a tenant's rent if the increase would take effect during an emergency or 180 days thereafter. It also prohibits a landlord from charging or assessing a late fee for late or missed rent due during the emergency and for 180 days thereafter, and prohibits a landlord from deducting monies from a security deposit during the bill's effective time period. The legislation went into effect on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- [COVID-19 Rental Assistance Fund](#)

#### Howard County

- [Rental assistance and eviction prevention](#): beginning July 6<sup>th</sup>, eligible Howard County residents may contact one of the participating providers to complete an application for assistance to pay past due rent and/or mortgage payments and/or to prevent eviction. Maximum assistance per household is 3 months of housing expense.
- Howard County Council [Bill No. 33-2020](#) prohibits a landlord or mobile park owner during the declared Emergency Order of March 5th from Governor Hogan from increasing rent or fees, decreasing utilities or services, assessing late fees, terminating tenancy, lease, or rental agreements for money defaults or altering terms of agreements to the financial detriment of the tenant. These provisions are retroactive from March 5 and are in effect for the period during the Emergency Order and up to three months after the emergency.

#### Montgomery County

- The [COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program](#) accepted applications June 1-5<sup>th</sup>. Visit their website for updates.
- The [COVID-19 Renter Relief Act](#), effective April 24, 2020, prohibits landlords from increasing existing tenants' rent by more than 2.6% after April 24 and during the COVID-19 catastrophic health emergency signed by the Governor on March 5, or notifying tenants of a rent increase of more than 2.6% during the COVID-19 emergency and for 90 days after the emergency ends.

#### Prince George's County

- The [COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#) is temporarily closed. Check their website for updates.
- [Bill 16-20](#) prohibits housing providers from increasing a tenant's rent or imposing late fees or penalties if the rent increases would take effect during the Governor's COVID-19 emergency and within 90 days thereafter. A housing provider is also prohibited from issuing notice of a rent increase or late fees during the emergency and within 90 days after the expiration of an emergency.

#### Statewide Resources and Information



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- The [Maryland Energy Assistance Program \(MEAP\)](#) provides financial assistance with home heating bills. Payments are made to the fuel supplier and utility company on the customer's behalf.
- Governor Hogan extended his [executive order](#) until August 1, so utility providers may not cut off gas, phone, water, cable or internet or charge late fees for overdue payments.
- Courts will begin to hear failure to pay rent cases starting August 31<sup>st</sup>