



COVID-19 Housing Cost Assistance Program

MFA's COVID-19 Housing Cost Assistance Program helps pay the housing costs of income-eligible households and residents of tribal lands who are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Recipients will receive as much as \$1,500 per month for up to three months to pay back rent or mortgage payments. In addition, payments on real estate contracts, mobile or manufactured home liens and the land or lots on which they are located may also be covered.

Applications for MFA's COVID-19 Housing Cost Assistance Program will be accepted from 8 a.m. November 2 through 5 p.m. November 13 only. Because there are several supporting documents that must be provided with the application, New Mexicans should begin the application process as soon as possible. A list of required documents can be found on MFA's website: housingnm.org.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR THE PROGRAM INCLUDE:

- A current annual gross household income of 80 percent or less of the area median income adjusted for family size OR residence on tribal lands.
- Must have experienced a COVID-related financial hardship such as:
 - Job loss, job furlough or closure of place of employment.
 - Wage reduction greater than 10 percent due to COVID-19-related job changes, lost work hours due to lack of childcare or quarantining because of a COVID-19 diagnosis, or wage reduction due to being over 65 or having any health condition that enhances the risk for COVID-19.
- Have residency in New Mexico.
- Proof that housing payments are past due and that other assistance has not been received for the same costs.
- Must have been current on housing payments as of February 28, 2020.

Details of all qualifying criteria and complete income limits can be found on MFA's website: housingnm.org. Applicants may call 505.308.4206 or toll free at 866.488.0498 for more information.

Applications will be ranked based on income level or tribal land residency and the date and time the application was received. If sufficient funds are available, all eligible applications will be funded, regardless of ranking. MFA will make payments directly to landlords, servicers, escrow companies or other housing providers.

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