

EVICTION PREVENTION RESOURCES IN COLUMBUS/FRANKLIN COUNTY

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EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

IMPACT Community Action Emergency Assistance

- Must be a Franklin County resident with a household income up to either 80% AMI or 200% FPL.
- Required documentation: Photo ID, SSN for all household members, 90 days' proof of income (all household members 18 years or older), utility bills, past due rent notice, signed lease, and may require a birth certificate.
- Utility Assistance: Call 614-964-2906 or apply online at <https://apply.impacthopefund.org>
- HEAP - The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps households prevent energy service disruptions, restore disconnected services, and/or secure seasonal heating and cooling energy needs. Customers can call to schedule an appointment at 614-246-0019 or walk-in at 8AM M-F or 1PM M-W & F, on a first come first served basis.
- Rent assistance: Call 614-964-2906 or apply online at <https://apply.impacthopefund.org> (requires proof of sustainable income moving forward; need for assistance must be related to COVID-19).
- Mortgage assistance: Call 614-964-2906, we are unable to assistance clients with mortgages through website.

Franklin County PRC Program and PRC Plus Program for Families Struggling to Meet Rent or Facing Eviction

- Franklin County is providing relief for eligible families struggling to meet rent or facing eviction through the [Prevention, Retention and Contingency \(PRC\) and the new PRC Plus Rental Assistance Programs](#). These programs offer one-time rental assistance payments for Franklin County families with minor children or a pregnant woman in her third trimester: If COVID-19 related up to 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL); If not COVID-19 related then up to 165% FPL.
- If a family qualifies, Franklin County may be able to cover the past due rent up to \$1,500. If the need is COVID related families may also be eligible for one additional month of rent up to \$1,500.
- Rental assistance payment(s) are made directly to the landlord.
- While standard PRC is available year-round, the PRC Plus Rental Assistance Program is only available June 1, 2020 through December 15, 2021 or until funds have been exhausted, whichever comes first. FCDJFS cannot process or pay any PRC Plus application that is incomplete or missing required verification's as of Dec. 15, 2021.
- For additional information about the PRC Plus Rental Assistance Program, the standard PRC Program or learn how to apply, visit <http://jfs.franklincountyohio.gov/PRC>

Franklin County Emergency Rental Assistance Program

- This newly added program has the flexibility to pay up to 100% of delinquent rent costs for families impacted by COVID. If the past due rent does not exceed the program cap on the number of months of assistance allowed families may also be eligible for prospective months. This program also assists with utility payments.
- Families must have a minor child or a pregnant woman in her 3rd trimester, in the household; live in Franklin County; must have a social security and meet the citizenship requirements. The household income threshold for this program is 80% Area Median Income (AMI)
- Applicants one application for these the three programs listed here. Staff will assess eligibility for all programs. The Application link is the same as listed above. The program is available June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 or until funds have been exhausted.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Franklin County Veterans Service Commission

(veterans, dependents, survivors)

- Short term financial assistance to include rent, utilities, and food
- Franklin County resident for at least 90 days and meet one of the following:
 1. Veteran discharged under honorable conditions,
 2. Current Active Duty Member,
 3. VA service-connected condition,
 4. Guard/Reserve previously or currently called to active duty by Presidential Order.
- Contact: 614-525-2500 or veteransservice@franklincountyohio.gov Application available at <https://vets.franklincountyohio.gov>

Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)

(see specifics below)

- Financial assistance covering rent and utilities:
 - Must have a housing voucher from CMHA or
 - Live in a CMHA owned housing community.
- Interim income adjustment:
 - Must have a housing voucher from CMHA or
 - Live in a CMHA owned and subsidized housing community.
- 40% of monthly income payment arrangements:
 - Must live in a CMHA owned and subsidized housing community.

Contact: (614) 421-6000 or <https://cmhanet.com>
or email RiseCenter@cmhanet.com

Columbus Urban League

- Must be a Franklin County resident with a household income up to either 80% AMI or 200% FPL.
- Required documentation: Photo ID, SSN for all household members, 30-90 days' proof of income (all household members 18 years or older), utility bills, past due rent notice, signed lease, and may require a birth certificate.
- Rent assistance: Call 614-484-9110 or apply online at <https://www.cul.org/emergency-rental-assistance/> (requires proof of sustainable income moving forward; need for assistance must be related to COVID-19).

COMPASS

- Limited emergency rental financial assistance for individuals facing a challenge that would affect self-sufficiency. COMPASS prioritizes individuals without children. Those with children may be referred to a partnering agency.
- Have a qualifying temporary emergency.
- Employed (full-time, part-time or temporary) – those recently unemployed due to COVID-19 may qualify
- Contact: 614-463-9612 or www.compass614.com

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA)

- Housing Assistance Program (HAP) offers limited rent assistance for Columbus residences 50 and older. Must be 138% of poverty level and have unforeseeable hardship.
- CARES assists persons 60 and older who reside in Franklin County. Must meet income within 200% of poverty level and have a COVID-19 related hardship. Funds are limited.
- Contact COAAA at 614-645-7250

Physicians CareConnection

- Eviction Avoidance Program: rent and utility assistance for families with children, 18 years or under.
- Coordinates access to other social services (i.e., transportation, pregnancy resources, food assistance).
- Contact: please apply at <https://pcc.applyforhope.org> or call 614-884-2441, option 1, then option 4.

Homelessness Prevention Network

- Works with families & expectant mothers at imminent risk of homelessness within 1-14 days.
- Before someone becomes literally homeless, the goal is to provide housing stabilization supports that they need or want.
- For additional information: <https://www.csb.org/how-we-do-it/homelessness-prevention-network>

OTHER ASSISTANCE

<p align="center">Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE impartial conflict resolution assistance for both landlords and tenants to help them reach a voluntary agreed outcome to eviction-related disputes (win/win “pay and stay” and/or “voluntary move out arrangements” common). • Helps Tenants access emergency rental assistance • Offers mediations M-F by phone and has mediators available on site every day at eviction court. • Contact: 614-228-7191 ex 13 or https://communitymediation.com 	<p align="center">Legal Aid Society of Columbus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal advice and representation to tenants facing eviction. • Unemployment Compensation – help for applicants are encountering delays or other difficulties in securing their benefits. • Contact: 614-241-2001 or www.columbuslegalaid.org
<p align="center">Franklin County Municipal Court Self Help Resource Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal information provided to anyone with a civil municipal court issue. • Services provided online, outside eviction court every morning Monday-Friday, and at the courthouse at 375 S. High Street, 6th Floor, every weekday from 9:00a-3:00p. • Contact: http://www.fcmcselfhelpcenter.org 	<p align="center">City of Columbus Financial Navigator Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps residents take back control and identify immediate steps to help manage expenses, maximize income, and access available resources. • Develop custom action plans with steps to move forward. • Services are offered remotely via telephone and are FREE for all Columbus residents. • Call 614-645-6933 or fill out an interest form at www.columbus.gov/financialnavigator
<p align="center">YMCA Stable Families Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing Service Coordination for families who have a child pre-k through the 12th grade in Franklin County. • Focus on increasing household income, obtaining or maintaining safe and secure housing, and ensuring academic success. • A 2-generational approach working with families from 4-12 months to promote and assist with stability and upward mobility. • Contact email stablefamilies@ymcacolumbus.org phone 614-636-3208 online referral https://ymcacolumbus.org/locations/ecrn/stable-families 	
<p align="center">HandsOn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn about additional resources, call 2-1-1 or 614-221-2255 for 24 hour information and referral services 	