

# **HELP FOR RENTERS**

## **AMIELIGIBLE?** Find out if you're eligible and what you need to apply.

- □ Are you a renter living in Rhode Island?
- Does your household income meet the program income limits? Limits vary by location and household size
- □ Have you qualified for unemployment benefits OR have you experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19?
- □ Are you at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability? This may include owing past due rent or having received an eviction notice or 5 day demand letter.

If you answer yes to all four questions, you may be eligible.

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Gather these documents now to make it easier to complete and submit your application.

- □ Your landlord's name, address and contact information We will need to contact your landlord to send payment and confirm the rental amount owed.
- **Proof of income** Includes wage statements, W2s, pay stubs, unemployment letter, 2020 tax return, etc.
- □ Signed copy of your lease agreement Or documentation showing tenancy (a pattern of rent payment). If you are not on a lease, a document from your landlord or the property owner showing the amount you pay and/or the amount you owe for rent.
- Documentation demonstrating your rental/utility arrearage Includes a past due notice, eviction notice, 5 day demand letter, communication from landlord or a utility company.
- □ A list of all household members
- □ A form of identification for the head of household Government issued ID.

Renters may apply for help paying for utilities even if they do not need help paying for rent.

#### If you do not have these documents, you may still be able to apply. Contact the RentReliefRI Call Center at 855-608-8756 for assistance.

Both landlords and tenants may initiate an application for the program. Information from both the tenant and landlord will be required to successfully complete an application. **Important: you will need your landlord's name and email address to complete the application.** 

### **READY TO APPLY?**

## VISIT <u>WWW.RENTRELIEFRI.COM</u> TODAY TO GET STARTED.

