



RentReliefRI

Landlords Q&A: *Affordable Housing Developments*

Does the program provide financial assistance to cover the rental arrearages for former tenants who have since moved?

At this time, assistance can only be used to keep people housed. If individuals are no longer in the unit, then the RentReliefRI program can not cover those costs.

Does the program provide assistance for units under the low income housing tax credit program that remained vacant and could not be rented out due to COVID-related restrictions?

RentReliefRI does not offer assistance for vacant units.

If we have been receiving rental assistance from previous COVID rental assistance funding programs (HousingHelpRI, Safe Harbor), are we still eligible for assistance from RentReliefRI?

Yes. However, you cannot receive assistance for any costs that have already been paid through other rental assistance programs. Households who previously received assistance through any other COVID relief program (such as HousingHelpRI) are still able to apply for assistance from RentReliefRI. These households will only be eligible for the months in which they did not receive COVID-related assistance so as to prevent duplication of benefits.

If a household receives a rental subsidy such as a Section 8 voucher, are they still eligible for rental assistance from RentReliefRI?

Households that receive housing subsidies such as a Section 8 voucher are eligible to receive assistance under this program as long as any change in household income has been reported and an interim or annual recertification conducted. If eligible, the program will only cover their portion of the rent.

Are we able to offer RentReliefRI assistance to individuals who are not our tenants, but come to our agency seeking rental assistance?

You are not able to apply for rental assistance via RentReliefRI for tenants who do not reside in your properties. You can provide program information to these residents and encourage them to visit www.RentReliefRI.com to learn more.

If a tenant is on a payment plan for their arrearages are they still able to apply for assistance under this program?

Yes.

If a tenant has received a non-compliance letter from our attorney are they eligible for rental assistance from RentReliefRI?

Yes, as long as the non-compliance is only related to non-payment of rent.

Visit RentReliefRI.com for additional details and information.



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