Coronavirus and Housing/Homelessness
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Welcome & Overview

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Agenda

A Framework for COVID-19 Homelessness Response
• Nan Roman, National Alliance to End Homelessness

Getting to Yes: FEMA Resources
• Joseph Geleta, NJ Department of Human Services

Racial Equity and Coronavirus
• Chandra Crawford, National Alliance to End Homelessness

State and Local Rental Assistance
• Solomon Greene, Urban Institute

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• Representative David Price (D-NC)

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• Joan Serviss, Arizona Housing Coalition
• Pinky Clifford, Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing

Federal Policy Recommendations, Needed Advocacy
• Sarah Saadian, NLIHC

Next Steps
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Research on How State and Local Governments Can Stabilize Housing During and After the Pandemic

- Building infrastructure and capacity
- Lessons from new state and local rental assistance programs
- Lessons from previous models of emergency rental assistance
- Legal protections
State and Local Rental Assistance Programs in Response to COVID-19

- 41 programs, including new and modified, public and private sector.

- Identify basic trends and variation and elevate early lessons learned.

- Coded based on who administers, how funded, who serves and key program features.

- Interviews for 3 initiatives: Atlanta’s Star-C Eviction Relief Fund; Florida SHIP; and LA County Emergency Rent Assistance Program.
Trends and Variations

• Who administers and how funded?
  o Most are administered by gov’t agencies, and funded through state and local sources, including housing trust funds, general revenue, and philanthropic.
  o Several plan to use CARES Act funding when available, building capacity now.

• Who serve?
  o Most focus on renters in private market who don’t qualify for other forms of assistance. Some serve apartment owners.
  o Variety of eligibility requirements, but most common are: max income, demonstrated loss of income, residency requirements.

• Key features and limitations
  o Eligible expenses: rent, and (less common) utilities and internet, legal assistance.
  o Max amount/duration: $500-$1600, 1-3 months, or until the money runs out.
Lessons learned

- Leverage existing programs with adaptive capacity
- Maximize flexibility
- Focus on populations with greatest unmet need
- More resources are needed!
For more information...

NLIHC resource page: [www.nlihc.org/rental-assistance](http://www.nlihc.org/rental-assistance)

Urban Institute blog series: [www.housingmatters.org](http://www.housingmatters.org)
Field Updates

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