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Coronavirus and Housing/Homelessness

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Welcome & Overview



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A Framework for COVID-19 Homelessness Response



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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?
 - Most are administered by gov't agencies, and funded through state and local sources, including housing trust funds, general revenue, and philanthropic.
 - Several plan to use CARES Act funding when available, building capacity now.
- Who serve?
 - Most focus on renters in private market who don't qualify for other forms of assistance. Some serve apartment owners.
 - Variety of eligibility requirements, but most common are: max income, demonstrated loss of income, residency requirements.
- Key features and limitations
 - Eligible expenses: rent, and (less common) utilities and internet, legal assistance.
 - 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

Urban Institute blog series: www.housingmatters.org

Field Updates



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Resources



[Responding to Coronavirus \(https://nlihc.org/responding-coronavirus\)](https://nlihc.org/responding-coronavirus): Recommendations for Congress

[Coronavirus and Housing/Homelessness \(https://nlihc.org/coronavirus-and-housing-homelessness\)](https://nlihc.org/coronavirus-and-housing-homelessness): National and Local Updates



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