

Are you an Ocean County resident struggling to pay your monthly rent or facing eviction due to the Coronavirus pandemic?

Applications will be accepted starting on April 7, 2021 for the

Residential Emergency Rental Assistance Program



To access the program application please visit our website at: www.co.ocean.nj.us
or
call us at: (833) 753-9671

Keeping the roof over your head is a priority of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners

Applicants must meet eligibility requirements

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Eligible households must meet the following:

1. Be a low-income Ocean County renter.

Renter households must be at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) for the County, as set by the most current U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Household income will be verified to establish eligibility.

2. Be eligible for unemployment benefits or experienced financial hardship due to the coronavirus outbreak.

A household may demonstrate qualification for Unemployment Insurance, or demonstrate a reduction in household income, have incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship.

3. Can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

A household may demonstrate risk through an eviction notice or rent notice, or other reasons as described by the household.

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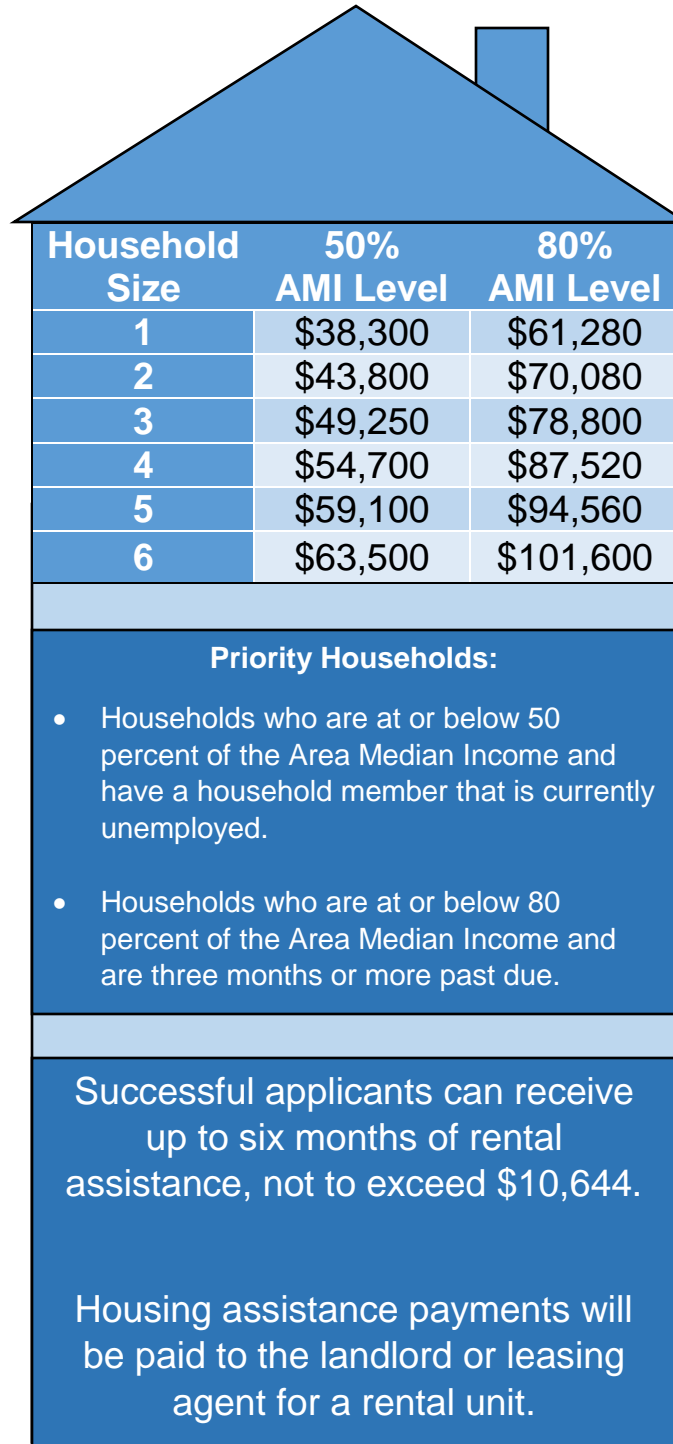
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The Ocean County COVID-19 Residential Emergency Rental Assistance program provides rental housing assistance to prevent homelessness and maintain housing stability of individuals and families impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

This federally funded program will assist low- and moderate-income renter households across Ocean County that have been financially impacted due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability as a result.

Applicants will need to certify that they have not received assistance from N.J. Department of Community Affairs' program before receiving benefits from Ocean County's program.

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Household Size	50% AMI Level	80% AMI Level
1	\$38,300	\$61,280
2	\$43,800	\$70,080
3	\$49,250	\$78,800
4	\$54,700	\$87,520
5	\$59,100	\$94,560
6	\$63,500	\$101,600

Priority Households:

- Households who are at or below 50 percent of the Area Median Income and have a household member that is currently unemployed.
- Households who are at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income and are three months or more past due.

Successful applicants can receive up to six months of rental assistance, not to exceed \$10,644.

Housing assistance payments will be paid to the landlord or leasing agent for a rental unit.

How The Program Works:

1. Apply online at www.co.ocean.nj.us
2. Applicants will need to demonstrate that your income does not exceed the income limit and that you were unable to pay your rent due to COVID-19.
3. You will also need to provide a current lease/rental agreement and provide all required documents for your application to be considered complete.
4. This program requires participation of the applicant's landlord to provide information for rental assistance payment. Tenants and Landlord applicants are encouraged to work together to receive funds quickly, if approved.
5. Funds are limited, so apply early.
6. Only one application per household is allowed unless roommates have individual leases.
7. Landlords can apply on behalf of tenants.
8. An application is not a guarantee of assistance.
9. If approved, the rental assistance will be paid directly to the applicant's landlord.
10. If you need help applying, please call: (833)-753-9671