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City of Bowie Launches COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program
Application Period Begins November 11, 2020

The City of Bowie will launch a COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program for tenants who meet eligibility requirements, to help renters who have been impacted by the pandemic remain in their homes. Beginning November 11, applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Tenants must live within the municipal limits of the City of Bowie.

The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program is intended to provide partial rent support to low-and moderate-income Bowie households that have experienced income loss due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Approved households may receive a maximum of one month's rent, paid to their landlord.

The Office of Grant Development and Administration will administer the program in conjunction with the program administrator, Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. (HIP). Visit www.cityofbowie.org/cobcares for details about program requirements and the supporting documents needed for the application. Once the application process opens on November 11, applicants are strongly encouraged to promptly submit an application online at www.cityofbowie.org/cobcares. (Supporting eligibility documents should be submitted along with the application.)

Those unable to complete the application online may obtain a paper application at Bowie City Hall and submit a completed paper application and required documents at City Hall also. Those applications must be dated and time-stamped and placed in the designated drop box inside the City Hall lobby. Since City Hall is closed on November 11 for the Veterans Day holiday, the first day obtain and drop off paper applications will be November 12, 2020.

The City encourages potential applicants to review program eligibility requirements for this program. The maximum allowable annual income for applications to the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance program is listed below. Emergency funding from the City and other federal sources can provide support for a range of rental housing needs for low-income households.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income Limit	\$55,750	\$63,700	\$71,650	\$79,600	\$86,000	\$92,350	\$98,750	\$105,100

The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program is funded through the CARES Act as a Community Development Block Grant to provide low- and moderate-income households with assistance for up to one month's rent to support housing obligations and avoid eviction. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or other qualified aliens ([8 U.S.C. 1641](#)).

Residents who have questions or require assistance with the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance program are encouraged to contact the Office of Grant Development and Administration at cobcares@cityofbowie.org.

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