



## **RENTAL HARDSHIP TO IMPACTED SERVICE EMPLOYEES**

*Aid for Rental Expenses and Household Utility Costs*

### **RHISE PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

**SERVICE OBJECTIVE:** To mitigate the acute threat of housing insecurity, posed by a resident's imminent eviction and / or utility service disconnection, due to loss of wage-earnings and associated adverse economic impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.

**CLIENT ELIGIBILITY:**

Employees or independent contractors who have experienced involuntary job loss (lay-offs and / or unpaid furloughs), due to temporary closure of normal business operations. Particularly, the interruption of work activity must have been a result of official public health mandates for social distancing (in order to limit COVID-19 infectious community spread). The following impacted service industries include, but are not limited to:

- Community Service Organizations (non-profit)
- Child Care and Health Care
- Educational (Schools, Colleges and Universities)
- Retail and Customer Service
- Food, Hospitality and Entertainment

Household Income < 60% Area Median (\$47,640 for family of 4)

Rental leaseholder of residential property located in Fayette County

**PROGRAM CRITERIA** (one of the following must apply):

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| a. Past Due Housing Costs > 30 days | (Documentation: Landlord, Property Manager or Utility Co.) |
| b. Imminent Residential Eviction    | (Documentation: 7-day notice/Forcible Detainer)            |
| c. Imminent Utility Disconnection   | (Documentation: Shut off notice from Utility Company)      |

**BENEFIT STANDARDS:**

- ✓ Maximum Aggregate Benefit = up to \$2,000 per household
- ✓ Rental support is limited to equivalent of 2 month's rent expense
- ✓ Utility support is limited to cumulative cost during 2 billing cycles

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Amendment to 2019 Consolidated Plan  
*Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act of 2020)*

**PROGRAM PERIOD:**

Anticipated July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, or until funding is exhausted

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR:**

LFUCG Division of Community & Resident Services (*formerly Adult & Tenant Services*)