

Newton COVID-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program Additional Funding

Community Preservation Committee Presentation
to Finance and Zoning and Planning Committees

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Newton's Covid-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program

- ▶ Housing Stabilization Program providing short-term assistance with monthly housing costs to those negatively impacted by the Covid-19 situation
- ▶ Program originally designed to provide up to \$2,500/month or \$7,500 per household over life of program
- ▶ Program initiated in June 2020 with goal of providing 3 months of assistance to households with incomes below 80% AMI, with preference given to households below 65% AMI
- ▶ Program administered by Metro West Community Development (MWCD) using mix of CPA and CDBG funds

Covid-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program in Action

- ▶ Program has assisted 226 households (652 people) since July 2020, including six households in affordable restricted homebuyer units
- ▶ Average monthly payments are \$1,410/household
- ▶ 50% of participants are people of color
- ▶ 92% of program participants have incomes below 65% AMI
- ▶ 55% of program participants have incomes below 30% AMI

FY2020 Income Limits Summary - Newton, MA					
Income Level	Household Size				
	1	2	3	4	5
30% AMI	\$26,850	\$30,700	\$34,550	\$38,350	\$41,450
50% AMI	\$44,800	\$51,200	\$57,600	\$63,950	\$69,100
65% AMI	\$54,145	\$61,880	\$69,615	\$77,350	\$83,538
80% AMI	\$67,400	\$77,000	\$86,650	\$96,250	\$103,950

Covid-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program - Current Status

- ▶ \$2.1 million spent to date out of the \$2.5 million originally allocated
- ▶ Program has been expanded twice - first to provide 6 months of assistance in September 2020 and then to 8 months in December 2020
- ▶ The 154 participants who entered the program in July 2020 will leave in February 2021 despite little or no improvement in economic situation
- ▶ Program must stop taking in new applications in February
- ▶ Estimated total number of participating households: 227

Current Funding Request

- ▶ 85% of all program households remain active participants as the economic impacts of the pandemic on their households have not improved
- ▶ Requesting an additional **\$1.2 million** in CPA Community Housing Funds to extend the program through June 2021
- ▶ Additional funding allows program to provide a full **12 months** of assistance to majority of program participants
- ▶ New Applicants will be accepted through April 2020
- ▶ Estimated total number of participating households: **285**

Funding Sources and Amounts

Original Program Funding

CPA Funding \$2,000,000

CDBG Funding \$500,000

Total Original Funding \$2,500,000

Additional CPA Funding Requested: \$1,200,000

Total Program Funding: \$3,700,000

Note: Additional funding to be used only for housing payment distributions. Any new administrative expenses will come out of funding approved in original CPA program allocation

Outreach and Marketing

Outreach and Marketing efforts have continued non-stop since the start of the program including:

- City of Newton COVID-19-Response website pages
- Regular announcement in Mayor Fuller's email blasts and other relevant outreach platforms
- School Department email blast to all Newton Public School families
- City of Newton Planning Department Friday Report
- Newton TAB
- Email outreach to non-profit organizations in Newton and surrounding communities, including, but not limited to: Boys & Girls Club, Family ACCESS, Plowshares, NCDF, REACH, The Second Step, Riverside Community Care, Barry Price Center, YMCA
- Email outreach to local employers and Newton Needham Chamber of Commerce and neighborhood/community list serves

Outreach and Marketing in Other Languages



Are you having difficulty paying rent or are facing eviction in Newton because of Covid-19?

There is help. Learn more about the resources you can access at the City of Newton's website*: www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp

If you need help accessing the internet or these resources, you can contact the City of Newton's Social Services at 617-796-1420.



您是否在牛頓市因 Covid-19 而難以支付房租或正面臨驅逐？

您可以尋求幫助。在牛頓市網站上了解有關可用資源的詳細信息：www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp

如果您在訪問互聯網或獲取這些資源方面需要幫助，請致電 617-796-1420 聯繫牛頓市社會服務部。



¿Está teniendo dificultades para pagar el alquiler o enfrenta el desalojo en Newton debido a la COVID-19?

Podemos ayudarlo. Obtenga más información sobre los recursos a su disposición en el sitio web de la ciudad de Newton*: www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp

Si necesita ayuda para acceder a Internet o a estos recursos, comuníquese con la oficina de Servicios Sociales de la ciudad de Newton al 617-796-1420.



هل تواجه صعوبة في دفع الإيجار أو تتعرض للإكراه على الإخلاء من السكن في مدينة نيوتن بسبب جائحة فيروس كورونا (Covid-19)؟

إليك مساعداً، تعرف على المزيد عن الموارد التي يمكنك الاستفادة منها من الموقع الإلكتروني لمدينة نيوتن*:

www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp

إذا كنت بحاجة للمساعدة على الوصول إلى الإنترنت أو الاستفادة من هذه الموارد، فيمكنك التواصل مع إدارة الخدمات الاجتماعية لمدينة نيوتن على الرقم 617-796-1420.

* تتوفر المعلومات باللغات الإسبانية، والصينية المندرينية، والصينية الكانتونية، والبرتغالية، والروسية، والعربية.



У вас возникли трудности с оплатой аренды в Ньютоне, или вам грозит выселение из-за пандемии Covid-19?

Вам могут помочь. Более подробную информацию о доступных вариантах получения помощи можно найти на сайте города Ньютона*: www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp

Если у вас нет доступа в Интернет или возможности ознакомиться с этими ресурсам, вы можете связаться с социальными службами города Ньютона по телефону 617-796-1420.



Está com dificuldades para arcar com o aluguel ou está em situação de despejo em Newton por conta da COVID-19?

Há uma solução. Saiba mais sobre os recursos disponíveis no site da Cidade de Newton*: www.newtonma.gov/HousingHelp

Caso precise de ajuda para acessar a internet ou estes recursos, entre em contato com os Serviços Sociais da Cidade de Newton (City of Newton's Social Services) pelo número 617-796-1420.



Questions & Discussion

▶ Thank you!