

City of Newton

Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance

Applications are now being accepted!



In response to the continuing negative economic impacts caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the City of Newton is announcing a new COVID-19 Emergency Housing & Utility Relief Program utilizing its federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Applicants are eligible for:

- Up to **two months of rental assistance**, with possible extensions
 - The program will cover **70% of a household's monthly rent**, with a maximum monthly assistance amount of \$2,500 per household
- Up to **\$700 of utility assistance**, with proof of overdue notice from utility company (heat, hot water, or electricity)

Eligible Households:

- Currently live in the City of Newton,
- Households must have had a negative economic impact because of COVID-19 (and can demonstrate this financial hardship), and
- Total Household income (**at the time of application and/or recertification**) cannot exceed the following limits:

| Household size | 1 person | 2 person | 3 person | 4 person | 5 person | 6 person |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Income Limit 80% of area median | \$70,750 | \$80,850 | \$90,950 | \$101,050 | \$109,150 | \$117,250 |

- Households that currently receive housing assistance (e.g., Public Housing tenants, RAFT, Section 8, MRVP or other locally administered support) are also eligible to apply
- Households that were previously enrolled in the City's COVID-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program may be eligible to receive additional assistance, however, Metro West Collaborative Development will conduct a recertification process for *each of these households* prior to awarding the additional two months of funding and/or utility assistance

The Process:

The Program is being administered by Metro West Collaborative Development. To begin: Contact Robyn Rufo at robyn@metrowestcd.org (preferred method) or at 857-999-6532.

TTY users please call 711

FREE TRANSLATION ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE: Call Robyn at 857-999-6532.

Applicants have the right to request a reasonable accommodation, which may include a change to a policy, procedure, or practice to afford a person with a disability an equal opportunity to participate fully in the housing program.