

# City of Newton

## Emergency Mortgage & 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 mortgage assistance**, with possible extensions
  - The program will cover **70% of a household's monthly mortgage payment**, 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 reside in an ownership unit that is deed-restricted affordable (restriction recorded with Registry of Deeds,
- 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 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](mailto:robyn@metrowestcd.org) (preferred method) or at 857-999-6532.

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**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.**