

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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RENTAL ASSISTANCE PORTAL

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- Are a renter in Indiana who lives outside of Marion County
- Have lost part of their income due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Are having trouble paying their rent
- Have a notice to vacate or notice of eviction due to an inability to pay their rent
- Are currently not receiving rental assistance from another source
- Live in a household with incomes at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI)**
- Have a current lease and a landlord willing to accept rental assistance on their behalf

**Individuals that meet each of the eligibility requirements listed above are encouraged to apply for the program. However, this is not intended to be a complete list of eligibility requirements.*

***The income limits for each county for households of 1-8 people can be found by clicking [here](#).*

How to apply:

Information on how to apply can be found at the top of the www.indianahousingnow.org webpage.

The application is available in English and Spanish. Important information, updates, and notifications will be sent electronically to the email address the applicant uses to establish their account for the portal.

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Funding for this program is made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) CARES Act funding that was awarded to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). ESG is a homeless prevention program that provides rental assistance, shelter operations, and outreach to those in need.

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INFORMATION FOR RENTERS



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Information you will need to apply:

- Your address
- Name and age of all individuals living in the household
- Contact information for your landlord
- A copy of your lease agreement
- Documentation that verifies the income of all individuals 18 years of age or older living in your household
- A copy of your notice to vacate or eviction notice based on your inability to pay your rent

Steps to apply:

STEP 1

Submit your initial application. The link to apply online can be found on the top banner of the www.indianahousingnow.org webpage.

STEP 2

If it is determined you meet the eligibility requirements, your landlord will be asked to provide additional information and documentation about your rental situation.

STEP 3

Once this documentation has been reviewed, you will be notified whether you were approved for assistance.

If approved, you will be contacted by a local service provider (HUB) in your area.

If declined, you will be provided with additional resources and information.

STEP 4

Working with you and your landlord, the HUB will execute an addendum to your lease. They may also make a home inspection (in-person or virtual) and request additional documentation.

STEP 5

If it is determined you meet the eligibility requirements for the program, and funding remains available, your landlord will receive rental assistance on your behalf.

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INFORMATION FOR LANDLORDS



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To receive assistance, the renter's landlord must agree to participate in the program. The assistance payments will be provided to the landlord on behalf of the renter that applied. A staff member from IHCD will reach out to confirm this and provide additional information prior to sending your client on to pre-approval.

To participate in the program, you will need to work with a local service provider (HUB) and your tenant to complete a payment plan, lease addendum, and submit all requested documentation in a timely fashion.

What should you do now?

STEP 1

Speak with your tenants that have fallen behind on their rent and attempt to work out a payment plan. Share with them the **Coronavirus Eviction & Foreclosure Prevention Guide** which includes a variety of state resources.

STEP 2

Share with them our "Information for Renters" flyer and encourage them to visit **IndianaHousingNow.org** and see if they meet the program eligibility requirements.



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