City of Orlando

Individuals

The Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW), on behalf of the City of Orlando, is pre-screening and accepting applications to help residents cover unpaid rent payments not made since March 1, 2020 due to COVID-19 challenges. This program provides up to \$10,000 in assistance to cover unpaid rent payments from March 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020.

Please note:

On Monday, December 7, the Orlando City Council will consider amending the program to cover unpaid rent payments from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and increasing the maximum assistance to \$12,500 (no more than \$2,500 each month for rent).

You must be pre-screened to apply (see website). The pre-screening process will remain open until Tuesday, December 15, 2020 or until all funds are expended.

Website: www.orlando.gov/assistance

Open for applications: Available now

Deadline to complete application: December 15, 202

Orange County

Individuals

The income-based program assists Orange County's most vulnerable tenants who are in imminent danger of eviction due to COVID-19 and provides the property owner with an alternative to eviction. The Program provides up to \$4,000 in past due rent for landlords and tenants who meet the eligibility criteria.

The pre-screening form for eligible tenants as well as full applications for landlords are now available. The tenant or landlord can initiate the application process; however, both must agree to participate. If you are not eligible for the program, we encourage you to contact Heart of Florida United Way 2-1-1 for a list of local programs available to assist residents.

Website: https://www.orangecountyfl.net/economicdevelopment/orangecares/covid19evictiondiversionprogram.aspx#.X8ffws1KjZs

Open for applications: Available now

Deadline to complete application: December 16, 2020

Seminole County

Tax Credit Apartments

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation is providing rent assistance for all Tax Credit Apartment Complexes so that their individual tenants do not have to apply for rent assistance. Because Florida Housing Finance is providing this assistance directly to Tax Credit complexes, the individual tenants are not eligible for individual assistance from Florida Housing Finance Corporation Coronavirus Relief Fund Program.

For more information, contact Florida Housing's toll-free Coronavirus Relief Fund Information Line for Property Managers and Owners at 1-888-232-6918 or email CRFRental@FloridaHousing.org.

 $Website: \ \underline{https://www.floridahousing.org/about-florida-housing/florida-housing/s-coronavirus-re-linearing/florida-housing$

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Open for applications: Available now

Deadline to complete application: December 15, 2020

Individuals in Non-Tax Credit Apartments

If you are a Seminole County resident who is in the process of being evicted or in eviction proceedings, please email EvictionHelp@SeminoleCountyFL.gov. Please include your name, phone number, and a brief narrative about your current eviction situation. Community Services staff will review your request and respond appropriately.

For these requests, it is helpful if your landlord/property manager is prepared to provide W-9s (it helps to also note which tenants the W9 is for) so the County can pay back rent directly to them. Your landlord/property manager will also need to provide a ledger showing exactly what is owed and be willing to sign an agreement to accept grant funds from Seminole County. The program cannot cover any rent prior to March 2020.

Website: http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/cares/individual-assistance.stml

Email: EvictionHelp@SeminoleCountyFL.gov

Open for applications: Available now

Deadline to complete application: December 15, 2020

City of Kissimmee

Individuals

Resources for:

Housing, rental, and utilities

Food, health, and wellbeing

Employment assistance

Website: https://www.kissimmeeresponds.com/residentassistance

Open for applications: Available now

Deadline to complete application: December 18, 2020

Osceola County

Businesses

This one-time grant will provide critical support to help offset a portion of operational costs during this global pandemic, as well as costs incurred in resuming operations while ensuring guest and staff safety. Eligible applicants may receive emergency funding on a reimbursement basis, based on the following tiers:

Up to \$5,000 for home-based businesses, and businesses with one (1) employee, or non-profits with no employees (volunteers only).

Up to \$10,000 for applicants with 2-25 employees

Up to \$20,000 for applicants with 26 or more employees

Applications under this program will be processed in the order they are received while funds last. Priority in processing and/or disbursement may be given to owners that have not received Federal and/or State dollars in support of these initiatives and to owners that are also Osceola County residents.

This is a grant, not a loan, therefore repayment is not required unless funds are not used for eligible expenses. These grants may be considered taxable income, so please contact your financial advisor for guidance.

Website: https://www.kissimmeeresponds.com/businessassistance

Open for applications: Available now

Deadline to complete application: Applications will close when all funds are distributed