

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT EVICTIONS IN COLUMBUS/FRANKLIN COUNTY

HOPE Fund

IMPACT Community Action Emergency Assistance

- Eligibility for most is 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Level; however, CARES Act funding allows program to serve households up to 80% of AMI through December 30, 2020.
- Emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities, apply online at www.impacthopefund.org
- Referrals to the Furniture Bank
- Contact: email supportiveservices@impactca.org, call 614-252-2799 or visit our main website at www.impactca.org

Assistance for (Specific Populations)

Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services – Prevention Retention & Contingency (PRC) Program

(Applicant must live in Franklin County, have a household that contains a minor child or a woman in her 3rd trimester of pregnancy and meet the family income threshold of less than 165% of FPL)

- Financial assistance program to help low income families address an emergency or short-term need
- Applicants can receive assistance one-time in a 12 month period
- In response to COVID19 there is a temporary rental assistance program, PRC PLUS, for families with incomes between 166-300% FPL. All other PRC rules apply. This program is available 6/1/2020 – 12/15/2020
- Contact: Applications are available at: [jfs.franklincountyohio.gov/emergency-assistance-\(prc\)](http://jfs.franklincountyohio.gov/emergency-assistance-(prc))

Franklin County Veterans Service Commission

(veterans, dependents, survivors)

- Short term financial assistance to include rent, utilities, and food
- Must be a resident of Franklin County for at least 90 days and meet one of the following requirements:
 1. Veteran discharged under honorable conditions,
 2. Current Active Duty Member
 3. Veteran with VA recognized service-connected conditions,
 4. Guard/Reserve previously or currently called to active duty by Presidential Order
- Contact - 614-525-2500, Assistance application available at vets.franklincountyohio.gov

Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)

(see specifics below)

- Financial assistance covering rent and utilities
 - Must have a housing voucher from CMHA OR
 - Live in a CMHA owned housing community
- Interim income adjustment
 - Must have a housing voucher from CMHA OR
 - Live in a CMHA owned and subsidized housing community
- 40% of monthly income payment arrangements
 - Must live in a CMHA owned and subsidized housing community
- Contact: (614) 421-6000, www.cmhanet.com, email RiseCenter@cmhanet.com

Additional Assistance

Columbus Urban League Housing Stabilization Program

- Emergency financial assistance
- Must be at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level and have a qualifying emergency
- Credit Repair for Housing & Ombudsman Services
- Contact: email emergencyassistance@cul.org 614-484-9111, www.cul.org

Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio

- Free impartial conflict resolution assistance for both landlords and tenants to help them come to a voluntary agreed outcome about their eviction dispute
- Offers mediations M-F by phone outside of court and also has mediators available on site every day at eviction court
- Offers Tenants Free Eviction Prevention Training and can provide landlords Tenant Conflict Resolution Training
- Contact: 614-228-7191 ex 13, www.communitymediation.com

COMPASS

- Limited emergency financial assistance for families/individuals facing a challenge that would affect self-sufficiency
- Have a qualifying temporary emergency
- Employed (full-time, part-time or temporary) – those recently unemployed due to COVID-19 may qualify
- Contact: 614-463-9612, www.compass614.com

Franklin County Municipal Court Self Help Resource Center

- Legal information provided to anyone with a civil municipal court issue.
- The Center is currently providing online resources only.
- Contact: www.fcmselfhelpcenter.org

Legal Aid Society of Columbus

- Legal advice and representation to tenants facing eviction
- Unemployment Compensation – help for applicants are encountering delays or other difficulties in securing their benefits
- Contact: 614-241-2001, www.columbuslegalaid.org

Physicians CareConnection

- Financial assistance for families with children
- Must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline
- Contact: 614-884-2441, option 1, then option 4, www.pcohealth.org

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- To learn about additional resources in our community, call 2-1-1 or 614-221-2255 for 24 hour information and referral services