

# TEMPORARY RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TRHAP)

TRHAP was created to help private renters prevent evictions if they have lost income due to COVID-19. Your household may be able to get up to \$1,000 per month to help cover rent from March 1, 2020 and beyond. Rental assistance is only available for 12 months, and each household can receive up to \$4,000.

## HOW DOES TRHAP WORK IF I AM CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE?

1. The program will look at your paychecks from March, April, and May 2020. The income that the program will use to calculate your payment portion is the 30 day period that your gross income was lowest. You must pay **at least** 30% of this selected income towards your rent. The amount of assistance you are eligible for, once decided, will not change, even if your financial situation changes.
2. The program will make rental payments directly to your Landlord or Property Manager.
3. If you do not pay **your** portion of the rent, TRHAP will remove you from the program and no longer provide you with rental assistance.

## HOW LONG AM I ELIGIBLE FOR TRHAP?

Your household will **no longer** receive rental assistance if:

1. you are no longer impacted by COVID-19 and able to make payments on your own (your income will be reviewed by TRHAP monthly), OR
2. once you have received \$4,000 in assistance from TRHAP, OR
3. if you do not pay your calculated portion of the rent.

## HOW DO I KNOW IF I CAN GET HELP FROM TRHAP?

1. Your primary residence must be at the address in CT that you need help with the rent.
2. You can apply for TRHAP if you are NOT receiving a subsidy from a Federal or State rental assistance program, like Section 8.
3. You can apply for TRHAP if you don't have an eviction judgment (execution issued) prior to 3/11/20.
4. Your household 2019 Income must not be greater than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), adjusted for family size (when you apply, this will be calculated for you with the information you provide).
5. You can apply if your household has been unable to pay your full rent on or after March 1, 2020 because of COVID-19 (examples: job loss, less hours, missing work because you are sick, or must care for a sick person).
6. You must be current with your rent at the time your application is accepted, OR you and your landlord must have a repayment agreement for past due rent.

## WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR HELP FROM TRHAP

TRHAP will be available in 3 tiers, but do not wait, you should APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

1. Tier 1 will run from Wednesday, July 15 thru Tuesday, July 28 for households with at least one minor child. Tier 1 households must have been denied unemployment benefits and/or denied Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and they must have an income below 60% of the 2019 AMI.
2. Tier 2 will run from Wednesday, July 29 thru Tuesday, August 11 for households below 80% of the 2019 AMI. These households must have been denied unemployment benefits and/or denied Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.
3. Tier 3 will begin on Wednesday, August 12 for all other eligible households with income of not more than 80% of the 2019 AMI.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR TRHAP?

Call the Centralized Call Center at **1-860-785-3111**. The Call Center will collect information and send a summary to the Department of Housing (DOH) and Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) for review and approval. DOH and CHFA will verify you are applying with the correct Tier, and assign you to a Housing Counseling Agency (HCA) to help you complete the application.