

CARES Act Funding for Housing Assistance

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, is a law to help people hurt financially by the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. CARES assistance is now available in Pennsylvania for **rent relief** and mortgage relief.

The PA Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) has received the funding through the CARES Act to assist PA residents. The Rental Relief Program is being implemented by a chosen entity in each county. The Pandemic Mortgage Assistance Program is being implemented by PHFA.

In Indiana County, **ICCAP is working with The CARES Rent Relief Program (RRP): As of July 6, 2020, ICCAP began taking applications for the CARES Rent Relief Program.** This program can assist with up to six months of rent payments (maximum of \$750.00 per month) for individuals whose incomes were reduced by more than 30% due to COVID-19. The renter and landlord applications for rent assistance can be obtained by logging onto the PA Housing Finance Agency's website at phfa.org/pacares/ or by calling (855) 827-3466. The program guidelines along with a list of frequently asked questions is available on the website. The completed applications and supporting documentation can be emailed to ICCAP at help@iccap.net or to agency's mailing address at P.O. Box 187, Indiana, PA 15701. The ICCAP main office can be contacted at (724) 465-2657, x218.

PHFA is accepting applications for mortgage relief: **Information on the program can be found on PHFA's Website: [Mortgage Assistance](#)**; submit application anytime after July 6th to PHFA; [Mortgage Assistance Program Guidelines](#); other information on their website (click on Mortgage Assistance above.)