

COVID-19 RENT RELIEF PROGRAM (CARES ACT)

This program is being administered by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services with funding provided by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) through the federal CARES Act.

The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed in March, provided \$3.9 billion for Pennsylvania, and is intended to help people hurt economically during the pandemic. In late May, the General Assembly directed \$175 million of these CARES dollars to PHFA to provide assistance for struggling renters and homeowners. The portion for rent assistance is at least \$150 million.

Montgomery County will begin accepting completed applications for rent assistance on July 6, 2020.

Applications will be accepted through September 30, 2020. The PHFA CARES act funding for renters must be completely distributed by November 30, 2020.

Program Eligibility

1. **Applicants must be Montgomery County residents** (renters in other counties must apply to their *county's designated organization*).
2. Renters must have lost more than 30% of their income due to reduced work hours/wages after March 1st because of COVID-19, or have become unemployed after March 1st due to COVID-19.
3. Renters who applied for PA unemployment assistance must have done so after March 1st.
4. Renters' income before March 1st must be no more than 100% of the area median income, or \$96,600 for a family of four (see table on the website).
5. COVID-19 RRP funds may only be used to cover rent incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. The maximum amount of monthly assistance is \$750.

<https://www.montcopa.org/3542/COVID-19-Rent-Relief-Program-CARES-Act>

STEPS TO APPLY

1. There are 3 application forms on the website. Print all 3 forms. The application process requires both renter and landlord involvement.
2. Fill out completely all 3 application forms. The landlord must complete the landlord application form and the landlord-property certification.
3. On or after July 6, 2020 submit all 3 forms and supporting documents as a single application submission to the Montgomery County **COVID-19 Rent Relief Program**.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications may be submitted to the program through one of the following ways:

Email: RentRelief@montcopa.org

Fax: (610) 278-3636

Regular or Overnight Mail – go to:

<https://www.montcopa.org/3542/COVID-19-Rent-Relief-Program-CARES-Act>

QUESTIONS?

Please contact (610) 278-3929 to speak to a Navicate in the Office of Community Connections.