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2020 Pennsylvania CARES Rent Relief Program

This message is to inform the Centre County community that Centre County Government's Office of Adult Services has been approved by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) to administer the 2020 Pennsylvania CARES Rent Relief Program (RRP). Any resident or landlord (on behalf of their tenant) who is interested in this program should visit: <http://phfa.org/pacares> to review eligibility criteria and complete an application for assistance. This website will be live effective Monday, June 29th, 2020. The CARES RRP will officially open on Monday, July 6th, 2020.

For Centre County renters to be eligible for financial assistance under the CARES RRP, they will need to document at least a 30% reduction in annual income since March 1st, 2020 OR they must have become unemployed after March 1st, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. If unemployed, they must have filed for unemployment compensation with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Their household income cannot exceed Centre County's Area Median Income (AMI), adjusted for the number of people in their home. Renters who qualify may receive assistance equal to 100% of their monthly rent up to \$750/month, for a maximum of 6 months, for the time period between March 1st, 2020 and December 30th, 2020. This program is scheduled to open on Monday, July 6th, 2020.

For households that may not qualify for the 2020 Pennsylvania CARES Rent Relief Program, Centre County Government's Office of Adult Services administers other rental assistance programs that can assist with up to \$1,000 (adult-only household) or \$1,500 (household with children). These programs typically offer one-time assistance for rent arrears, security deposit, and/or first month's rent. To be eligible, households must: a) be Centre County residents, b) have an agreement with the landlord/property manager to rent to them, c) be homeless or near-homelessness (pending eviction), d) and have a gross annual income at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL). These rental assistance programs open on the first business day of each month at 9:00am. Funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to eligible households. The programs will remain open until all allocated funds for the month have been depleted.

2020 Federal Poverty Level

Household Size	Annual Gross Income (200%)
1	\$25,520
2	\$34,480
3	\$43,440
4	\$52,400
5	\$61,360
6	\$70,320
7	\$79,280

Centre County Government's Office of Adult Services' can be reached at: 814-355-6768.

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Other Community Resources include:

- Centre Helps
814-237-5855 OR
1-800-494-2500
<http://www.centrehelps.org>
- Center for Community Resources
1-800-643-5432
<http://ccrinfo.org>
- Centre Safe
814-234-5050 OR
1-877-234-5050
<http://ccwrc.org>
- Housing Transitions
814-237-5508
<http://housingtransitions.org>
- Centre Volunteers in Medicine
814-231-4043
<http://cvim.org>
- Interfaith Human Services
814-234-7731
<http://interfaithhumanservices.org>
- Centre County Youth Services Bureau
814-237-5731
<http://ccysb.org>
- Out of the Cold: Centre County
814-852-8864
<http://www.ootc3.org>
- Central PA Community Action
<http://cpca.net>
Philipsburg Office: 814-342-0404
Bellefonte Office: 814-355-7501
Aaronsburg Office: 814-349-5850