

## **2020 CARES Rent Relief Program (RRP) Centre County Office of Adult Services Fact Sheet**

### **Rental Assistance**

- Program timeline: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - New applications cannot be accepted after September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Maximum amount of rental assistance per month = \$750
  - Participating landlords must accept \$750 as a full month's rent payment (even if the tenant's monthly rent exceeds \$750)
    - It is highly suggested that, although not a program requirement, tenants make a good faith effort to pay any remaining balance to their landlord/property manager
- RRP can assist with rent arrears (i.e. "back rent") only
  - If a household needs assistance with security deposit/1<sup>st</sup> month's rent, they can be referred to the Rental & Mortgage Assistance Program (RAP) through the Office of Adult Services (814-355-6768)
  - If a household's rent is current but it's expected they will need help in the future, they can apply to the RRP now and their eligibility can be reassessed on a monthly basis
- Eligible households can receive up to 6 months of rental assistance through the RRP
  - Households must prove their eligibility for each month (whether for past months or during reassessment for future months)

### **Eligibility Guidelines**

- To be eligible for the RRP, households must show proof that their employment/income was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Member of the household became unemployed after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Household is experiencing at least a 30% reduction in income (ex: reduced hours at work) due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Households must have a gross annual income that does not exceed 100% of Centre County's Area Median Income (AMI); adjusted for household size (see below)

### **Centre County, Pennsylvania**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>100% Area Median Income (AMI)</b>
1	\$62,100.00
2	\$71,000.00
3	\$79,900.00
4	\$88,700.00
5	\$95,800.00
6	\$102,900.00
7	\$110,000.00
8	\$117,100.00

### Application – Access and Submission

- All components of the RRP application can be accessed online at: <http://phfa.org/pacares>
- For households without access to computers/printers, print applications can be picked up at the following YMCA branch locations:

**State College YMCA**  
677 W. Whitehall Rd.  
State College, PA 16801  
814-237-7717

**Penns Valley YMCA**  
115 W. Streamside Place  
Spring Mills, PA 16875  
814-422-6000

**Bellefonte YMCA**  
125 W. High St.  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
814-355-5551

**Moshannon Valley YMCA**  
113 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Philipsburg, PA 16866

Print applications can also be picked up at the following locations:

**Snow Shoe EMS**  
492 W. Sycamore Rd.  
Snow Shoe, PA 16874

**Lykens Market**  
272 Main St.  
Beech Creek, PA 16822

- Please visit [www.centrecountypa.gov](http://www.centrecountypa.gov) and click on “Adult Services” under the Government menu tab
  - Page will be updated as locations with print applications are added
- Applications can be submitted by mail to:

Centre County Government  
Office of Adult Services  
ATTN: Faith Ryan  
3500 E. College Ave., Ste. 1200  
State College, PA 16801

Or electronically to: [adultservices@centrecountypa.gov](mailto:adultservices@centrecountypa.gov)

- **COMPLETE** submissions include the following applications and supporting documents:
  - Lessee Household Certification/Renter Application
  - Landlord Application
  - Landlord/Property Certification
  - If unemployed, copy of unemployment letter
    - If unemployment letter has not yet been received, please note this on the application
  - If reduced income, copies of income documents from January 2020 – current (most recent paycheck)
  - Copy of lease
  - Ownership Documentation (see Question #4 on the Landlord Application)