KANSAS CITY’S NEW EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City of Kansas City, Mo. has received $14.8 million for emergency rental assistance.

We are creating an application process to distribute this emergency funding. The application process for renters and landlords to apply for relief funds will be announced in mid-February.

Our goal is to create an application process that is fair, fast, and equitable for KCMO residents.

The funds will be distributed through existing community agencies that specialize in providing these services. Funding is provided by the second Congressional COVID-19 relief package.

Income and eligibility requirements include:

Who is Eligible?
An eligible renter household has at least one person who:
- Has qualified for unemployment benefits, or experienced a cut in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Is at risk of experiencing homelessness. Risk factors include:
  - Has past due utility bills or rent or has an eviction notice
  - Is living in unsafe or unhealthy conditions
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI)

Income
Household income is determined as either the household’s total income for calendar year 2020 or the household’s monthly income at the time of application.

Eligible Expenses
- Current and past due rent
- Current and past due utility bills
- Trash removal

Emergency rental assistance CANNOT be used for telephone, cable or internet.

IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE
These agencies have city-provided funds available now for rent and/or utility help:
- Journey to New Life – (816) 960-4808
- Metro Lutheran Ministries – (816) 285-3137 (north)
  (816) 285-3139 (south)
- Greater KC Housing Info Center – (816) 931-0443
- Guadalupe Center – (816) 421-1015
- Save, Inc. – (816) 531-8340, ext. 260
- Community Assistance Council (CAC) (816) 763-3277

For more info and other neighborhood services visit: KCMO.GOV/RentHelp