

April 1, 2020

Dear Resident:

Re: Important Information about Available Resources

We are all experiencing an unprecedented time of uncertainty and anxiety. We know that some of you are also suffering from job losses, furloughs or reduced hours at work resulting in reduced wages. Fortunately, there is help available. We want you to be aware of the following resources.

Direct Payments

The federal government will be making one-time cash payments directly to most U.S. citizens. The government is supposed to issue these payments during the month of April 2020.

How much will you receive?

- Individuals earning less than \$75,000 a year will receive \$1,200.
- Married couples whose yearly, joint earnings are less than \$150,000 will receive \$2,400.
- If you have children, you will receive \$500 per child.
- Individuals earning more than \$75,000 but less than \$99,000 a year – and couples whose joint, yearly earnings are more than \$150,000 but less than \$198,000 – are eligible for a lesser amount.

Enhanced Unemployment Benefits

If you have lost your job, you can apply for state unemployment benefits.

Congress has enhanced state unemployment to provide more income and to cover more people, which

- Adds \$600 per week for four months on top of state unemployment;
- Adds up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits to those already enrolled but who are nearing the end of benefits; and



- Expands the program to include a number of workers not normally eligible to receive unemployment benefits, including: freelancers; Independent contractors; "gig" workers; self-employed individuals; individuals with limited work history; and employees who are still employed, but whose hours have been reduced

It is important to apply as soon as possible. To help expedite aid, the federal government is funding the first week of benefits to encourage states to waive traditional waiting periods, but it may still take a couple of weeks to be processed.

We Are Here to Work with You

We understand there may be a delay in the ability for financially impacted individuals to access these benefits. If you have lost your job or had your wages reduced because of the pandemic, please contact the Leasing Office so that we can discuss a payment plan with you and other ways we can assist you based on your individual circumstances.

Sincerely,

Your MAA Team