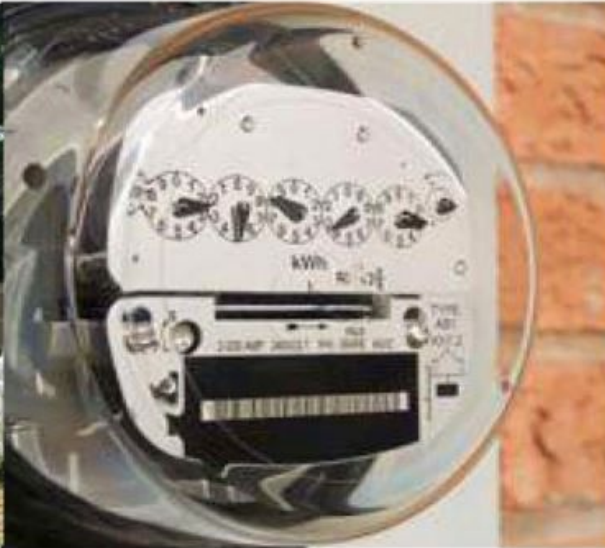


Emergency Rental/Utilities Assistance Program



Big Five Community Services, Inc. will assist income-eligible households (as funding allows) with past due rent or eviction notice from the landlord and/or final/cut off notices or past due utility bills.

To qualify for assistance, applicant must have had a recent unexpected loss/reduction of income due to Covid-19 or have been otherwise impacted by Covid-19, that resulted in the applicant falling behind on rent or utilities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:

Durant (580) 924-5331

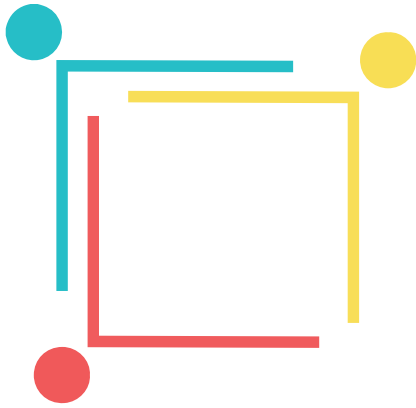
Ada (580) 332-8233

Ardmore (580) 223-4613

Coalgate (580) 927-2381

Marietta (580) 276-3198





GET RENT RELIEF NOW

BEHIND ON RENT? WORRIED ABOUT GETTING EVICTED?

WE CAN HELP YOU PAY YOUR RENT

Community Cares Partners is a public-private resource center that distributes Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) allocated by the State of Oklahoma, City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, and Cleveland County to help our neighbors maintain housing stability.

YOU COULD QUALIFY IF YOU:

- 1 Have lost your job or income due to COVID-19 on or after March 13, 2020 -AND-
- 2 Live in Oklahoma and are behind on your rent and/or utility bills -AND-
- 3 Have received a Past Due Notice, Notice to Quit, or Eviction Notice

We expect many people to apply for assistance.

Submit your application as soon as possible at:

okccp.org

You must provide supporting documentation, including a copy of your ID, utility bills, your lease, and income or unemployment information.

To contact Legal Aid: (888) 534-5243 or oklegalconnect.org





Community Cares Partners

COVID-19 Relief Emergency Rental Assistance

Oklahoma Emergency Rental & Utilities Assistance

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS COMMUNITY CARES PARTNERS?

- A public-private program of Communities Foundation of Oklahoma (CFO)
- A new resident support resource center that administers Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) allocated by the State of Oklahoma, City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, and Cleveland County
- Provides rent and utilities assistance to residents who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (utilities limited to electricity, heating source, water, trash, and internet)

WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE AND WHO QUALIFIES?

Applicant must verify:

- 18 years old or over
- Lost job or income due to COVID-19 after 3/13/20
- Financial need
- Rent and utility expenses were incurred after 3/13/20
- No other federal funds were received for the same purpose

All funds are paid to the vendor on behalf of the resident

PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Criteria for a household to qualify:

1. FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO COVID-19
 - A household member qualifies for unemployment
 - Household has experienced a reduction in household income
2. DEMONSTRATES A HOUSING RISK
 - Past due notices, Notice to Quit, or Eviction notices
 - Past due utility notices
3. INCOME LIMITATION: AT OR BELOW 80% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI):
 - Based on the number of people in the applicant's household and the annual household income, the applicant's income must be at or below 80% AMI



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Oklahoma Emergency Rental & Utilities Assistance FAQs

HOW CAN RESIDENTS ACCESS THE RESOURCES OF CCP?

- Apply online at okccp.org or call 2-1-1
- All applicants must complete the application to determine eligibility
- If facing immediate eviction and have a court date, contact Legal Aid and show up at court!

HOW CAN OTHER AGENCIES GET INVOLVED?

- Join forces and ensure our neighbors take full advantage of the ERA for which they qualify. Helping residents stay on their feet and in their homes ultimately helps the local economy recover from the devastating effects of COVID-19.
- Encourage your clients to visit okccp.org to learn more and apply for assistance.
- Help us spread the word!
- Connect us to community leaders, especially those in communities most vulnerable to evictions and housing insecurities such as loss of utility service due to lack of payments.
- Help us build relationships with landlord or tenant organizations that we can speak to about eviction prevention funding.
- Share your best practices to aid us in reaching and connecting with those who can benefit from ERA funding.
- Communicate frequently and openly to let us know if there's an issue so we can work to make it right. Let us know what we're missing or any ideas you have to help us reach our collective goals.
- Collaborate. We have data, forms, success stories, and ideas to share, and we hope you'll do the same!

We're continually striving to streamline services while making sure all clients are seen and heard. We cannot do this alone. Every organization we've reached out to has enthusiastically offered assistance – together, we are making a positive impact for families in need.



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Pathway to Rental & Utility Assistance

STEP 1

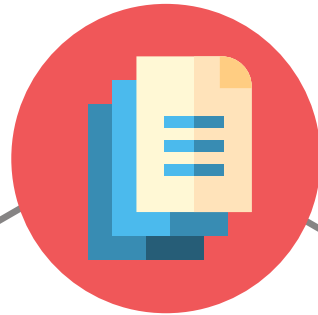
Visit www.okccp.org to see if you qualify and to apply for rental and utility assistance

+ If you have a court date for eviction **show up to court**



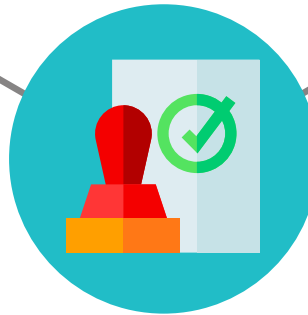
STEP 2

Provide all supporting documentation including a copy of your ID, utility bills, lease, and income or unemployment information



STEP 3

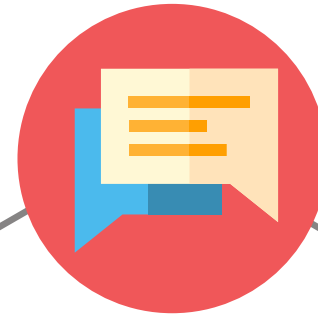
CCP will review your application and notify you of your status



STEP 4

If you qualify, CCP will work with your landlord and/or utility companies to pay your bills

+ Check your junk/spam folder often



STEP 5

Rent and utility bills paid - You will be notified of any payments made on your behalf





& SE Continuum of Care

We would like to cordially invite you to the SEO CoC Discharge planning forum hosted virtually by the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness (GICH).

~~February 19, 2021~~
~~2-4p~~ 1-5pm

MARCH
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RSVP to suzanne.williams@odmhsas.org to receive the agenda and zoom information.

We know that building collaborations for better discharge planning across systems is key to successful futures of those we serve. This regional forum will be an opportunity to discuss current discharge planning practices, roadblocks that agencies encounter, and the referral process with the regional CoC with the ultimate goal of better cross-system coordination from all sectors from faith-based to hospitals. We encourage you to invite everyone from community leaders to those you work with daily addressing the needs of homeless and preventing your neighbors from becoming homeless.



Did you lose your job-based coverage, are you self-employed without health insurance or finding COBRA too expensive?

The Health Insurance Marketplace has re-opened until May 15 to help. 90% of Oklahoma enrollees receive discounts, based on income, which dramatically lower costs. Pre-existing conditions covered. Free professional assistance by a certified Navigator at Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma.

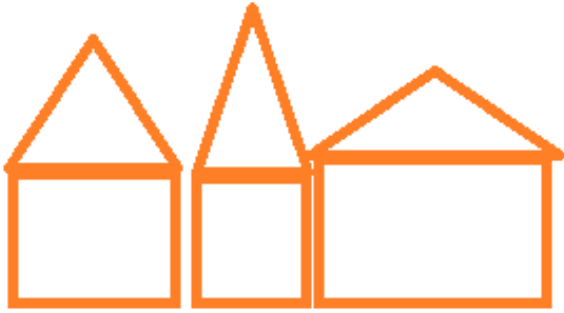
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Know Your Rights!

Fair Housing is for EVERYONE!

Housing discrimination is never OK. Join Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc. at the Grace Center of Southern Oklahoma for a FREE training about Fair Housing rights, with an emphasis on sex and gender discrimination.

You will learn:

- Fair Housing basics
- What sex and gender discrimination looks like
- Where to turn for help
- Other forms of discrimination in housing markets

Who should attend:

- Persons who have experienced sex or gender discrimination
- Persons who may have experienced sex or gender discrimination
- Anyone who could experience sex or gender discrimination

When: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Where: The Grace Center of Southern Oklahoma · 11 A St NW · Ardmore OK 73401

Three Sessions offered: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Reservations required. Meals will be served. Child care Available.

RSVP to the Grace Center: 580-223-2027

The Grace Center of Southern Oklahoma is an Accessible building. If you need reasonable accommodations, please let them know when RSVPing.

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COVID-19 precautions include:

- Limited class size (reservations required)
- Masks required (unless eating or drinking)

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