The Indiana COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program is designed to decrease evictions and increase housing stability by helping renters whose income has been adversely affected by COVID-19.

The program can provide eligible renters with up to $2,000 in assistance to help cover past due and ongoing monthly rent payments or late fees.

To receive assistance, a renter’s landlord must agree to participate in the program. The assistance payments will be provided to the landlord directly and not to the renter that applied.

**To participate in the program, you will need to:**

- Work with a partner agency and your tenant to complete a payment plan and a lease addendum.
- During term of lease addendum, allow tenants 45 days from payment due date before filing for late-payment eviction proceedings.
- Complete a report in January 2021 to provide feedback on the program.

*The program cannot be used with other emergency pandemic-related rent assistance. Individuals that receive Section 8 or USDA Rural Development rental assistance or live in public housing, are not eligible for the Indiana COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program.*

**What should I do now?**

**STEP 1** – Speak with residents that have fallen behind on their rent and attempt to work out a payment plan. Share with them the state’s [Coronavirus Eviction & Foreclosure Prevention Guide](https://www.ihcda.in.gov/resource-centers/tenants/eviction-prevention/) which includes a variety of resources.

**STEP 2** – Share with them our Renter flyer and encourage them to visit [IndianaHousingNow.org](https://www.IndianaHousingNow.org) and apply for the Indiana COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program beginning on July 13th at 9:00 am.

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