



COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance: May help you pay your rent and utilities bills!

RentHelpMN

PHA Residents: If you have had trouble paying for your rent and utilities because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), then you may be able to get help with those expenses from a new State program called “**RentHelpMN**”. If you are eligible, **RentHelpMN** will pay the PHA directly for back-rent you owe to the PHA, and possibly current and future rent, too. **RentHelpMN** can also pay Xcel Energy (or St. Paul District Energy) for utility bills you could not pay during the COVID-19 pandemic.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE as a PHA resident. Almost all PHA residents have low enough incomes to qualify.

RentHelpMN is taking applications online at www.RentHelpMN.org.

- PHASE 1: RentHelpMN will pay back rent you owe (going back as far as March 13, 2020).
- PHASE 2: RentHelpMN will pay current and future rent and housing-related costs.
- Assistance could last for up to 15 months, if funding is available (rent, utilities and other housing costs).

WHAT YOU WILL NEED WHEN YOU APPLY:

- “Landlord Name and Contact Information”: Enter “St. Paul PHA” and your housing manager’s phone number and email address.
- A copy of your PHA lease.
- If you are behind on rent, you will need to show a letter from the PHA stating how much you owe.
- Find your current utility bills and any past-due notices.
- Gather your income documents for 2020 for all household members (tax records, pay stubs, etc.).
- Have some form of identification (driver’s license, passport, Tribal ID, etc.).
- If you do not have all these documents, you may still be able to apply.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Go to www.renthelpmn.org on your computer or mobile device OR call 211 for assistance.
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More COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance:

The Zero Balance Project

There are two emergency rental assistance programs in MN right now: **RentHelpMN** and **The Zero Balance Project**.

Your Zero Balance Project application will not be advanced if you currently have an application that has been “submitted” in RentHelpMN. Log-in to RentHelpMN or call 211 to confirm your status in RentHelpMN, or email zerobalanceproject@housinglink.org with questions.

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WHAT EXPENSES ARE ELIGIBLE IN THE ZERO BALANCE PROJECT:

- Unpaid rent, utilities, and fees (water, sewer, electric, gas, trash, solid waste, recycling collection, bulk fuel-firewood, wood pellets, propane) dating back to March 13, 2020.

- Unpaid late fees up to 8% of total rent, as allowed by MN statute (going back as far as March 13, 2020).
- 3 Months of Future Rent (prospective rent). Unpaid rent must be brought current before future rent payments are approved. Utilities that are covered by the landlord as part of the rent payment are treated as rent.

In The Zero Balance Project, landlords (St. Paul PHA) start the application on behalf of residents; however, you must cooperate by providing follow-up information to Housing Link.

What you will need to prepare for the Zero Balance application:

- **Provide your Management staff with an email address for you. The application cannot be submitted without an email!**
- Verification of Income (3 options):
 1. Upload a copy of the first 2 pages of your 2020 income tax return.
 2. Upload paperwork that confirms you are eligible for programs that serve people with low incomes. **For example:** SNAP, WIC, Section 8, MFIP, FDPIR, SNP). The paperwork must show your name and address. The paperwork must also have been issued to you after 1/1/2020.
 3. Upload a Certification of Zero Income form, or enter your source of income, and the amount, directly in the application. You will be required to upload documentation of your income (For example: pay stub).

Go to <https://www.housinglink.org/List/emergency-rental-assistance> for more information

PHA contact for Rental Assistance

PHA Family Management Site	Address	Manager	Office Phone	Email
McDonough	1544 Timberlake Road, St. Paul, MN 55117	Teresa Vaplon	651-558-2199	teresa.vaplon@stpha.org
Roosevelt	1575 Ames Ave., St. Paul, MN 55106	Robert Dixon	651-793-3853	robert.dixon@stpha.org
Mt. Airy	91 East Arch Street, St. Paul, MN 55130	Andrew Carlson	651-298-4923	andrew.carlson@stpha.org
Dunedin	469 Ada Street, St. Paul, MN 55107	Robert Dixon	651-298-5231	robert.dixon@stpha.org
Scattered Sites	554 West Central Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103	Bee Vang	651-292-6160	bee.vang@stpha.org
PHA Hi-Rise Management Site	Address	Manager	Office Phone	Email
Central Hi-Rise	554 West Central Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103	Sarath Nob	651-292-6063	sarath.nob@stpha.org
Cleveland Hi-Rise	899 South Cleveland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116	Angela Louricas	651-695-3718	angela.louricas@stpha.org
Dunedin Hi-Rise	469 Ada Street, St. Paul, MN 55107	Robert Dixon	651-298-5231	robert.dixon@stpha.org
Edgerton Hi-Rise	1000 Edgerton Street, St. Paul, MN 55130	Kou Her	651-793-3990	kou.her@stpha.org
Exchange Hi-Rise	10 Exchange Street West, St. Paul, MN 55102	Paul Jaeger	651-298-5839	paul.jaeger@stpha.org
Front Hi-Rise	727 Front Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103	Jordan Huckleby	651-558-2198	jordan.huckleby@stpha.org
Hamline Hi-Rise	777 North Hamline Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104	Sam Draper	651-632-5093	samuel.draper@stpha.org
Iowa Hi-Rise	1743 East Iowa Ave., St. Paul, MN 55106	Julie Sitzmann	651-793-3918	julie.sitzmann@stpha.org
Montreal Hi-Rise	1085 Montreal Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116	Jerrica Mims	651-695-3726	jerrica.mims@stpha.org
Mt. Airy Hi-Rise	200 East Arch Street, St. Paul, MN 55130	Hlee Lee	651-292-6026	hlee.lee@stpha.org
Neill Hi-Rise	325 Laurel Street, St. Paul, MN 55102	Angela Louricas	651-224-3488	angela.louricas@stpha.org
Ravoux Hi-Rise	280 Ravoux Street, St. Paul, MN 55103	Julianna Quast	651-292-7869	julianna.quast@stpha.org
Seal Hi-Rise	825 Seal Street, St. Paul, MN 55114	Sarath Nob	651-292-6230	sarath.nob@stpha.org
Valley Hi-Rise	261 East University Ave., St. Paul, MN 55130	Jerrica Mims	651-298-4693	jerrica.mims@stpha.org
Wabasha Hi-Rise	545 Wabasha Street North, St. Paul, MN 55102	Paul Jaeger	651-228-3121	paul.jaeger@stpha.org
Wilson Hi-Rise	1300 East Wilson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55106	Tim Sullivan	651-793-3973	timothy.sullivan@stpha.org

NOTICE! This information is important. If you do not understand it, please call your PHA representative, for free language assistance.

- **Spanish** Esta información es importante. Si usted no lo entiende, por favor póngase en contacto con PHA para asistencia lingüística gratuita.
- **Hmong** Yog tias koj nyeem tsis tau Askiv, nug tus neeg ua hauj lwm rau koj, tom tsev loom (PHA) kom pab person to provide an interpreter nrhiav neeg txhais lus.
- **Somali** Macluumaadkan ayaa muhiim ah. Oo haaddii aadan fahmin, fadlan wac wakiilkaaga PHA, si aad u hesho caawimo luqadeed oo lacag la'aan ah.
- **Oromo** Beekifni kun baay'ee barbaachisaa dha. Dhimmi isaa isiniif ifa ta'u yoo baate, bakka bu'aan Bulchiinsa Mana Mootummaa Magaala (PHA) gargaarsa tajaajila Afaani tolaan akka isiniif kennu bibilaan gaafadha.
- **Russian** Эта информация очень важна. Если вы не можете ее понять, обратитесь к представителю PHA, и вам будут предоставлены бесплатные услуги перевода

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