

COVID-19: Multifamily Updates

Here is the latest round-up of COVID-19 related updates and reminders from Minnesota Housing's Multifamily division. Thank you to everyone for reaching out to us with questions and working diligently to serve the people of Minnesota. We will continue sharing informational resources as quickly and as widely as we can and all updates will be posted to our [COVID-19 webpage](#).

In this eNews, you will find information about the following:

[CARES Act Stimulus Payments and Federal Unemployment Insurance | Housing Provisions in the CARES Act Including Federal Eviction Moratorium | Guidance from Asset Management for Property Owners and Property Management Staff | Consolidated Request for Proposals Reminders | Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Assistance Program Changes During COVID-19 | Topics and Issues for Providers Serving People Experiencing Homelessness During COVID-19](#)

CARES Act Stimulus Payments and Federal Unemployment Insurance

As you are aware, the Federal CARES Act includes household stimulus payments and temporary federal enhancement to unemployment insurance. [Check out this matrix](#) for the latest guidance on how these payments are addressed in Minnesota Housing's Multifamily programs and funding sources.

Housing Provisions in the CARES Act Including Federal Eviction Moratorium

The Federal CARES Act, signed into law on March 27, 2020, contains several provisions that prevent the eviction of residential tenants of federally assisted buildings, including Low-Income Housing Tax Credit developments and certain buildings secured by federally backed mortgage loans, including HOME and National Housing Trust Fund, for a 120 day period. [This document](#) provides a comparison of how the federal provisions compare to State Executive Order 20-14. A summary of all of the housing provisions in the CARES Act can be found in the [State and Federal Government Response section on our COVID-19 webpage](#).

COVID-19 and Minnesota Housing Multifamily Portfolio: Guidance from Asset Management for Property Owners and Property Management Staff

We have added new questions and answers and resources to our [guidance for Property Owners and Property Management Staff](#). New content is highlighted in red within the document. We will continue adding to this document as new issues arise and will share informational resources as quickly and as widely as we can.

Please keep sharing your questions and concerns with your assigned Housing Management Officer (HMO) or Compliance Officer, recognizing that the best way to reach them at this time is through email.

Project-based Contract Administration (PBCA) and Section 811 Properties

One item that we added to our guidance that we want to draw particular attention to is a new resource from HUD for tenants and families living in multifamily properties. It addresses the steps tenants can take in case of lost income during the COVID-19, provides local contact information, and explains the eviction moratorium in the CARES Act.

HUD recommends that owner/agents [distribute this brochure](#) directly to tenants via email and also post it in the common areas of your properties.

Consolidated Request for Proposals Reminders

[We sent an eNews on May 1](#) that consolidates information related to the Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP), including reminders, tips, guidance and links to important resources for you to use to complete your application including a new scoring training!

Request Technical Assistance

Technical assistance is still being offered and strongly encouraged! To schedule technical assistance, please contact TechnicalAssistanceRequest.MHFA@state.mn.us and you will be connected with a staff person.

Questions specific to application rents and maintenance and operating (M&O) numbers can be also be directed to TechnicalAssistanceRequest.MHFA@state.mn.us. Preliminary M&O reviews and ballpark estimates can be provided to the applicant upon request. The last day Minnesota Housing staff will take any new preliminary M&O review requests will be **Thursday, July 9, 2020**.

Consolidated RFP Dates

- **Thursday, May 14 by noon:** Intent to Apply deadline. Required for all Multifamily applications submitted in the consolidated RFP. Only the basic project information and HIB form are due at this date.
- **Thursday, June 18 by noon:** Qualification Forms and Site Control deadline. All qualification forms and site control documents must be submitted via the [Multifamily Secure Upload Tool](#).
- **Thursday, July 16 by noon:** Multifamily application deadline.
Note: the application fee is also due by this date.

Please note that applications are due by noon on their respective due date.

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Please make sure you and your colleagues are signed up for our [Consolidated RFP eNews list](#) to receive updates and reminders.

Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Assistance Program Changes During COVID-19

The Department of Commerce's Energy Assistance Program (EAP) can help pay for energy bills, home heating and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. To make sure that newly unemployed and other financially challenged households can get help quickly, the EAP has adjusted program policies. For more information, visit the [Department of Commerce's EAP webpage](#).

Topics and Issues for Providers Serving People Experiencing Homelessness During COVID-19

Visit [Heading Home Alliance](#) for information and resources for homeless service providers including weekly statewide webinars to hear the latest updates on COVID-19 specific to staff working with people experiencing homelessness. You can also [sign up here](#) to receive weekly eNews updates.



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