

## About the Indiana COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

Governor Eric Holcomb said Wednesday the Indiana COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program will use money from the federal CARES Act to help up to 12,000 Hoosiers who live in rental properties outside of Marion County.

The governor's office says the assistance is available to residents in all Indiana counties except Marion, where a local \$15 million CARES Act-funded program will provide aid.

This program is designed to help Indiana renters whose income has been adversely affected by COVID-19 avoid eviction by providing up to \$2,000 in assistance to help cover monthly rent payments or late fees.

Eligible renters will be able to receive up to \$500 in assistance for four months, totaling a maximum of \$2,000, to help cover past and ongoing rent payments or late fees.

"Now this can be in combination of past due rent starting from April 1 or later, or ongoing rent payments up to \$500 per month," said Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Executive Director Jacob Sipe.

To be eligible, renters must have lost their job or part of their income due to COVID-19. They must have current household income, including unemployment that is less than the household income on March 6.

Recipients must also have not received rental assistance from another source, such as section eight housing choice vouchers or USDA assistance.

The state says payments will be made directly to the property owner, but that is if the property owner agrees to participate in the program.

Sipe acknowledges this assistance will not cover a complete rental payment for many Hoosiers, as the median rental payment in Indiana is \$825 per month.

"We have to recognize the \$500 a month is not designed to fully cover a renter's household monthly payment," said Sipe. "So, it's important that the household continues to work with landlords to make a payment plan."

For more information and to apply visit the Indiana Housing website by [clicking here](#).

Applications will be accepted online beginning July 13 at 9 a.m.