

Financial Support for Missouri Renters Impacted by COVID-19.



Struggling to pay rent or utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Missouri State Assistance For Housing Relief (SAFHR) may be able to help – learn more and find out how to apply!

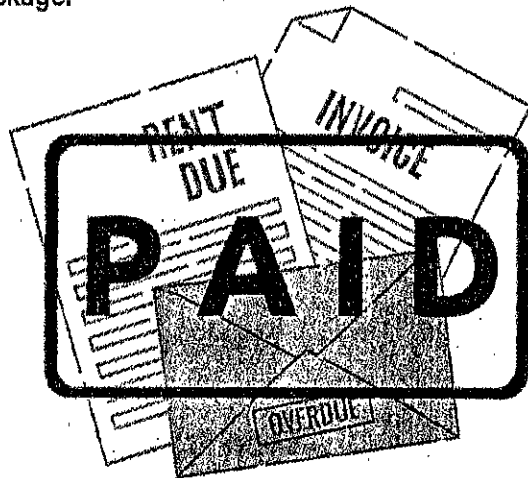
SAFHR for Renters is an assistance program administered by the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC), funded by the federal government COVID stimulus package.

What help does SAFHR for Renters provide?

- Provides rent and utility assistance for eligible Missouri residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Covers up to a total of 12 months of rent and utility bills, back to April 2020 and for up to 3 months in the future.
- Utilities include gas, electric, water, sewage/waste water, fuel (propane, wood, etc.) and trash.
- Money is paid directly to landlord or utility company.

Am I eligible for SAFHR for Renters?

- You must be a resident of the state of Missouri, and a renter at your current or previous address.
- At least one member of your household must be financially impacted – directly or indirectly – as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This could mean someone in your household has lost a job, had reduced pay, or incurred significant COVID-related expenses. You must be at risk of losing your housing or having your utilities shut off due to this financial hardship.
- Your income must not exceed 80% of your Area Median Income (AMI). This is determined by your county and your household size. You can determine if you meet the income requirements by viewing the SAFHR income ranges worksheet at mohousingresources.com/safhr



**Financial assistance
is here. Apply now!**

Apply online at
mohousingresources.com/safhr

Applications are open now!*

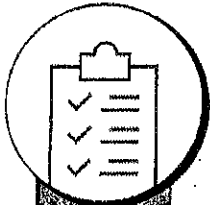
If you can not apply online or
need help with your application,
please call 833-541-1599
or email: mo.safhr@mhdc.com

* Application period expected to be open until Sept 2022.

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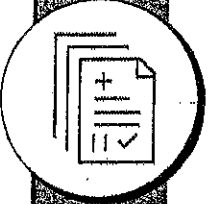


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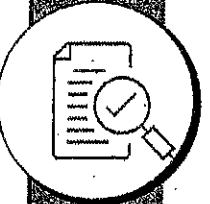
Step 1: Pre-Application

- Verify eligibility online at mohousingresources.com/safhr
- Review checklist of required materials, also available online at mohousingresources.com/safhr



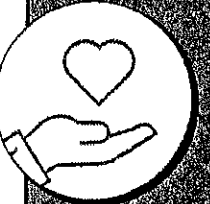
Step 2: Apply

- Create an account at mohousingresources.com/safhr
- Fill in required information in the Tenant Information portion.
- If applying for rental assistance, you'll be directed to send the application to your landlord for additional information. When this is complete, you'll be notified to submit.
- Submit your application.



Step 3: Approval

- If corrections are required, you'll be notified to update the information and resubmit. It's ok if you make a mistake! You'll have an opportunity to correct it without having to reapply.
- Once any corrections are completed, payment typically occurs within 2-4 weeks.
- You will be emailed about the status of your application as it is processed.



Need help with your application?
There are agencies available to assist you! Just call (833) 541-1599 or email: mo.safhr@mhdc.com

What do you need in order to apply?

- Photo ID
- Copy of your lease
- Past Due rent statements
- Past Due utility bills
- Supporting documents showing your household income, etc. See our complete checklist for more details.



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Jackson County Emergency Rental Assistance Program
<https://www.jacksoncountyerap.org/application>
For residents of Jackson County, MO

If you are behind in rent and/or utility payments due to the impact of COVID-19 on your household, you may be eligible for assistance through the Emergency Rent Assistance Program launched by the US Department of the Treasury and administered by states, counties, and cities

Eligibility:

- You qualify for unemployment or have experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
- You demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- You have a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median.

Applications are prioritized for assistance if the renter has a household income at or below 50 percent of the area median, or if the household has a worker that has been unemployed for at least 90 days prior to applying for rental assistance.

What past due bills are eligible for assistance payments?

At this time, funds can be used to cover delinquent rental and utility bills. The law defines "utilities" as trash, electric, gas, sewer, water, or other power sources like propane. Internet, cable, and/or cell phones are NOT considered utilities and those expenses, by law, are not eligible for payment.

How would I receive assistance dollars?

Payments are made directly to the utility companies or landlord on your behalf and are applied to the balance on your account, No payments will be made to individuals, We are working to process applications as quickly as possible, but it may take up to four weeks for the process to be completed,

How do I apply for assistance?

Applications opened online on April 5, 2021. Go to the online application form to start the process. If you have not applied previously for Missouri LIHEAP (utility assistance) file that application first, as you may be eligible for assistance not covered by the ERAP.

What information do I need to apply?

To complete the online application, please have your delinquent bills ready and in front of you. You will be prompted to take a picture and upload a copy of your delinquent bills. You will also need to verify that your household has an income at or below 80% of the area median, To do that, you will need copies of your recent pay stubs, SSI award letter, TANF letter, survivor benefits letter, etc.

APPLICATIONS ARE ONLINE AND CAN BE FOUND AT
<https://www.jacksoncountyerap.org/application>

Emergency Rent and Utility Assistance Program
US Treasury Department Emergency Rent Assistance Program
<https://gkcassistanceprogram.org>

This program is for residents of KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Eligibility

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability;
- Household income (including income of all adults) of 80% of Area Median Income for the County

Help available

- Past due rent back to April 1, 2020
- Forward payment of rent for up to 3 months
- Past due utilities back to April 1, 2020

Funds Disbursement

All funds will be sent directly to the landlord and/or utility companies

**When can you expect a response
to the application?**

Due to the high number of applicants, it will take 4 to 6 weeks for you to be contacted by a caseworker.

Additional Information

If you have a social security or tax ID#, you must provide the last 4 digits to submit an application. If you do not have a SSN tax ID#, you may enter the last four digits of your phone number to assist program administrators in assigning a unique identifier to all applications.

The ERAP program is designed for RENTERS only. If you have a mortgage on your home or own the home outright, you are not eligible for assistance through this program for either rental or utilities assistance.

Only one application at a time may be considered per household. If there is more than one adult in your home, one of them should be identified as the "Applicant". If there is more than one adult in your home in need of assistance, you should work together in submitting this application, and you should decide which person will be named as the Applicant.

- The **Applicant must be named on either the lease agreement OR utility account(s)** for which assistance is being requested.

**APPLICATIONS ARE ONLINE
AND CAN BE FOUND AT
<https://gkcassistanceprogram.org>**