



## Delco CARES Rental Assistance Program

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Delaware County created the **Delco CARES** program to provide temporary relief to renters in response to COVID-19 pandemic related economic hardship. Using ESG-CV funds from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Delco CARES provides eligible Delaware County renters with up to six (6) months of rental arrears or up to three (3) months of rental assistance for move-in costs.

Delco CARES is administered for the Delaware County Office of Housing & Community Development by the Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc (CAA).

### Available Assistance

Applicants that meet the criteria below are eligible to apply for a Delco CARES assistance grant for rental arrears or rental assistance for move-in costs.

Applicants may be eligible to receive assistance for rental arrears for a period not to exceed six (6) months. Applicants may be eligible to receive rental assistance for move-in costs not to exceed three (3) months rent.

All payments made on behalf of the applicant will be paid directly to the landlord. Under no circumstance will the payment be made directly to the household.

Delco CARES assistance grants are available on a first-come basis to eligible applicants.

### Eligibility

Delco CARES is open to renters residing in Delaware County. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must meet HUD's definition of literally homeless or at-risk of homelessness
- For those at-risk of homelessness, household income must be below 50% of AMI (see chart below)
- Lacks other appropriate housing options
- Lacks the financial resources/supports to prevent the household from becoming homeless or for the literally homeless, lacks the financial resources/supports to obtain housing
- Housing crisis is related to the COVID-19 pandemic

## Eligible Income Limits (based on 50% AMI)

Household Size	Annual Household Income (effective 7/1/2020)
1 Person	\$ 33,850
2 Persons	\$ 38,650
3 Persons	\$ 43,500
4 Persons	\$ 48,300
5 Persons	\$ 52,200
6 Persons	\$ 56,050
7 Persons	\$ 59,900
8 Persons	\$ 63,800

*Please note income limits are subject to change and will be checked again at time of application.*

## Program Requirements

- Applicants must provide income documentation from all sources for all household members.
- For those with rental arrears, written documentation from the landlord regarding the amount of arrears is required. An intent to evict notice as well as a copy of the lease and rental ledger or proof of rental payments are required.
- Evidence that the household's financial need is a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Coordination with other funding sources will occur to ensure that there is no duplication of benefits being made on a client's behalf.
- Assistance provided will be the minimum amount to resolve the situation.
- Landlords must sign an agreement forgoing eviction for 60 days after the payment of rental assistance.
- The ability to pay housing expenses once financial assistance is provided will be evaluated. The client's situation should be resolvable within a reasonable timeframe with the resources provided.
- Rental units must meet Habitability Standards, pass a Lead Based Paint Visual Inspection, have a rent below HUD's Fair Market rent and meet HUD's Rent Reasonableness test.

## Application Process

Interested parties must call CAA at 610-874-8451 to schedule an appointment. CAA will provide a list of documentation to bring to the appointment.

All applicant households must participate in the Coordinated Entry process by completing a Housing Assistance Questionnaire and meeting with a Coordinated Entry Specialist.

The Coordinated Entry Specialist will conduct an assessment to determine the household's situation, eligibility, level of assistance needed and best possible path to stable housing.

## Contact Information

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