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## **COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Expands to Offer Support to More People for More Time**

FREDERICK, Md. – A program to provide rental assistance to Frederick County residents affected by COVID-19 has lengthened the amount of time a household can receive aid and expanded eligibility to people who have regained employment, County Executive Jan Gardner announced today. The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program is a partnership between Frederick County, the City of Frederick, and the nonprofit Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs.

“We know there is a real need for additional support so renters can remain in their homes,” Executive Gardner said. “Our goal is to prevent evictions. By revising the program, we hope to remove as many obstacles as possible so we can help more people.”

Changes to the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program include the authorization of assistance beyond three months and authorization for months when the renter had no income, starting in April. In addition, income verifications no longer need to be notarized.

To apply, visit [www.RCEHN.org/covid-emergency-rental-assistance](http://www.RCEHN.org/covid-emergency-rental-assistance). For those without internet access, call 301-631-2670 ext. 127 for information on how to apply. Spanish speakers may call 301-631-2670 ext. 128. If a financial hardship is not COVID-related, renters may contact the Religious Coalition regarding non-COVID rental assistance.

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