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.
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

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