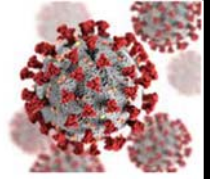




Emergency Rental Assistance Program (COVID -19)



**Available to ALL Eligible Households Living on the
Flathead Reservation (Tribal and Non-Tribal)
AND
Eligible Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Tribal Members and Descendants Living off the Reservation**
(must provide documentation of tribal affiliation at time of application)

Am I eligible?

The questions in the application will help guide you to determining if you are eligible. Many families qualify, but may not realize it. In general, your household is eligible if:

- 1) One or more individuals within the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19;
- 2) One or more individuals within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- 3) The household has a household income at or below 80% of the area median income. Ranges from a maximum of \$40,000-\$78,000/year for a family of four, depending on where you live. Calculations determined by your State/County.

What is the assistance?

Emergency Assistance can pay for RENT, RENTAL ARREARS, RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSITS, and RENTAL LATE FEES for up to 12 months. Payments are made directly to your landlord.

Can homeowners get for assistance?

No, federal regulations limit this program to renters only, but there will be an assistance program for homeowners soon.

Can I apply online?

Applications may be downloaded at www.skha.org, or they can be picked up at the Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority office.

How Do I apply right now?

Fill out the application and attach a copy of your lease and income information. We will ask you information on your income, household size, and your employment situation as well as for an electronic copy (photo or scan) of your rental agreement. All information is used only for the assistance determination and will be kept strictly confidential. Make sure to sign or type your name. If you have an unusual situation, we encourage you to provide details, so we can see if you might be eligible.

How long does it take to find out if I will get assistance?

You should hear back within ten (10) days. Staff will contact you for next steps.

What is considered an eligible utility?

Utility Assistance is no longer provided under this program, effective July 26, 2021.

Are there any restrictions?

Payments to related parties are allowed with conditions, including if the lease is for premises at a separate location and was in place prior to Jan. 1, 2020. Will need to provide adequate proof of this.

Can someone help me with the application?

Yes, please contact the **Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority at (406) 675-4491** and ask for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. We will help you complete your application.

This funding cannot duplicate any other federal assistance.