

TOWN OF AMHERST COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

The Town of Amherst and the Amherst Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund announce the availability of short-term emergency rental assistance available for **Amherst renters** experiencing a **loss or reduction of income due to COVID-19**. Rental assistance is available for up to 3 months.

Eligible households:

- Must be renters living in Amherst
- Must have a documented loss or reduction of income due to COVID-19
- Must have insufficient income and/or assets to cover the rent for a 3-month period. Households do not have to be currently behind in their rent or have a late notice.
- Household annual gross income may not exceed 80% Area Median Income.

Household Size	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person
Income Limit	\$47,850	\$54,650	\$61,500	\$68,300	\$73,800	\$79,250

- Households will be selected by lottery. Preference will be given for families with children under the age of 18.
- Households cannot be currently living in state or federal subsidized public housing; and cannot be a participant in a local, state or federal rental assistance program e.g. Section 8, MRVP or RAFT (with the exception of RAFT utility support). Households cannot be entirely comprised of full-time college students (some exceptions apply).

For more information and to apply online, please visit Community Action Pioneer Valley's website at www.communityaction.us/amherstrentalassistance

On-line applicants will be contacted via email and sent a secure link to upload verification documents to complete the application.

For questions, or to obtain a paper application, please contact Community Action Pioneer Valley at 413-475-1570.



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