

Henry County Senior Services CARES PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Henry County Senior Services will utilize the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funding allocated through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impact of coronavirus in the local community served by the organization with traditional CSBG funds. Funds will be used for the purpose of assisting individuals with establishing and/or prevention of loss of housing in a suitable environment, emergency assistance (food, utilities, etc.), healthcare, transportation and other incidental support expenses to households affected by the recent COVID-19 pandemic crisis to promote self-sufficiency by supplementing and extending current available resources. To be eligible to receive CARES funds, an individual or household must be enrolled as a CSBG participant by meeting the following criteria:

- 125% of federal poverty guidelines or below
- 55 or older
- Henry County Resident
- Lack of resources to meet basic needs as related to the pandemic
- Shelter cost must be 50% or less of the household's previous income
- Loss of income must coincide with defaulted payments
- Mortgage originated on or before January 1, 2019 (W9, Lender Mortgage Documents)
- Do not own more than one home

ELIGIBLE PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

1. Rent or mortgage assistance: Private or Rent to Own (must be facing eviction or foreclosure):

- a) Mortgage payments (maximum @ \$2,000 per month)
- b) Payment in arrears (6 months maximum) **ONLY** if it brings household current (mortgage should not be paid if they owe more than this & other funds are not available)
- c) Payment of rent (maximum @ \$1,00 per month)
- d) Payment in arrears (3 months maximum) **ONLY** if it brings household current (rent should not be paid if they owe more than this & other funds are not available)

Clients can be reassessed for additional payments on an as needed basis with approval from Director

2. First month's rent may be paid when a household:

- a) Is moving from a temporary shelter to a permanent living arrangement
- b) Is moving from one permanent dwelling to another in order to meet household budget .i.e. Document Requirements: Rental Lease, Vendor Bill
- c) NO deposits for rent

3. Utility assistance for households provided:

- a) Payment is limited to three months utility costs; electric, internet, gas & water
- b) Late fees, deposits added on to service, outdoor lighting are all eligible for payment

4. Health: other incidental support payments may be made upon approval by the Program Director which may include:

- a) Life sustaining drugs
- b) Special feeding supplements
- c) Medical supplies