STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT DUE TO COVID?

The Kansas Eviction Prevention Program (KEPP) may be able to help.

The Kansas Eviction Prevention Program, funded through the CARES Act, authorized by Governor Kelly’s SPARK Task Force, and administered by Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC), provides rental assistance to households that have missed one or more rental payment(s) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOW IT WORKS

+ Landlords and tenants apply via a joint online process.
+ If the application is approved, the landlord receives rental assistance funds directly from KEPP.
+ Landlord accepts KEPP funds as rental payment and waives late fee(s) for the month(s) assistance is awarded.
+ Approved tenants are eligible for a maximum of nine months of assistance, not to exceed $5,000 per household.
For maximum statewide impact, KHRC limits grants or loans to no more than $400,000 per awardee. Requests for Proposals are released each summer, with applications due to KHRC in mid-October.

WHO CAN APPLY:
Cities and counties with populations fewer than 60,000.

HOW TO APPLY:
1. Ask your landlord to complete the KEPP Landlord Certification online.
2. Provide your landlord with documentation noting loss of income due to COVID.
3. Landlord uploads your tenant certification or provides a link for you to complete the certification online.
4. You will receive an e-mail notifying you if your application is approved or denied.
5. If approved, your landlord will receive rental funds directly from KHRC.

Unlocking Home

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR THIS PROGRAM IF YOU MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

+ You have missed at least one rental payment since April 1, 2020.
+ You and all members of your household, if applicable, are Kansas resident(s) legally authorized to be in the United States.
+ You are seeking rental assistance for your primary residence.
+ Neither you nor your landlord have received rental assistance from other sources for the month(s) for which you are requesting KEPP assistance.
+ You can demonstrate that the COVID pandemic has had an adverse impact on your employment or income beginning January 20, 2020 or later. Adverse effects may include layoff due to mandated shutdowns and/or business closure, job loss, reduction of hours, or inability to work due to COVID-related illness or lack of childcare.
+ Your household income is at or below 85 percent of the state median income, or $63,920 for a household of four.

IF YOU QUALIFY FOR TANF, SNAP, OR LIEAP ASSISTANCE, YOU AUTOMATICALLY MEET THE PROGRAM’S INCOME REQUIREMENTS.

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