The State of Hawai’i’s Rent Relief and Housing Assistance Program, with support from Catholic Charities Hawai’i and Aloha United Way, provides assistance to Hawai’i renters who have experienced a reduction in income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program provides renters at risk of eviction with assistance in making monthly rent, as well as financial counseling.

Applications for assistance are currently being accepted for rent payments due between August 1 and December 28, 2020.

TO DETERMINE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE AND TO APPLY: WWW.HIHOUSINGHELP.COM

You can apply if you:

- Are a full-time Hawai’i resident.
- Are 18 years of age or older.
- Have a valid and current lease agreement for primary residence in the State of Hawai’i.
- Can demonstrate a loss of income directly resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Can demonstrate that your current household income does not exceed 100% Area Median Income, as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for 2020.

Eligible Hawai’i renters will receive help with monthly rent payments of up to $2,000 per household residing in the City and County of Honolulu, or $1,500 per household residing in the Counties of Hawai’i, Maui or Kaua’i. Rent payments will not exceed the actual rent owed.

Rent payments can be made for amounts due from August 1 through December 28, 2020, without a need to recertify income. Payments can be made in lump sums of up to three months at a time.

Final details are being worked out on a separate program to cover rents and mortgages beginning on March 1, 2020. Once the program is set, a formal announcement will be made.