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Financial relief available for Washington County homeowners

Homeowners in Washington County who have experienced a reduction in income because of the COVID-19 pandemic may apply for one-time grants of up to \$10,000 to help make housing payments.

A separate program providing rental assistance will be administered by Washington County's Community Services Department.

Washington County received money from the federal government through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, to assist small businesses, homeowners, and renters.

Assistance payment will be made directly to the entity owed, and the delinquency or financial hardship must be due to a COVID-19-related financial impact on the household and must be documented. Assistance may be used for payments of a home mortgage/loan, homeowners' association dues, manufactured home community lot rent, and land payments for community land trust properties on the household's primary residence within Washington County. Other terms apply, and homeowners will be required to provide documentation of need.

The program will be managed by the Community Development Agency, which will be accepting applications after Aug. 1 at washingtoncountycda.org, Washington County Community Development Agency, 7645 Currell Blvd., Woodbury; email Homeownership@washingtoncountycda.org, or telephone 651-202-2822.

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