



Important Tenant Notice – Help Get Your Rent Paid

Dear Resident,

Your landlord has applied to participate in a state program that can pay your back-rent debt owed during the pandemic. If you are eligible for this program, you can join the application to have your back-rent debt paid. If your back-rent is paid through this program, you will no longer owe this debt.

You are eligible to have your rent debt paid IF:

- You are unable to pay your rent debt because of a financial difficulty during the pandemic that has increased your expenses or reduced your income (see form for complete eligibility criteria); and
- You **provide your landlord with a signed [Tenant Declaration of Financial Hardship](#) form.**

If you are eligible, sign the Tenant Declaration form and return it to your landlord ASAP to ensure your spot in the application for payment assistance. Signing the form and returning it to your landlord *NOW* provides you with:

- **[Eviction protections](#)** from non-payment of rent through June 30, 2021; **and**
- A chance for **debt relief** through the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Landlord Compensation Fund.

If you do not provide a Declaration Form to your landlord within their requested time frame, your rent debt will not be eligible for payment in this application.

If your landlord is funded through this program, you will receive official written notice from the state that your past-due rent that was part of the application has been paid. The landlord will receive a payment of 80% of what you owed at the time of the application, and the remaining 20% of that debt will be forgiven. If the application is funded, you will no longer owe the debt that was included in the application. Please keep in mind that program funds are limited and, even if your landlord applies, that does not guarantee they will get funded.

To find additional information about this program, and its privacy policies, or to ask questions of the state, please visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/housing-assistance/Pages/landlord-compensation-fund.aspx>

Should you have any questions please call your Landlord.



Additional Important Information for Tenants

Part of the landlord's application will request that they provide basic contact information (Name, Address, Email, Phone) for tenants with rental debt during the pandemic. This information will ONLY be used for the purposes of this application, it will be stored in a secure system, and the information will not be released to the public. Providing this information will allow the State of Oregon to check with you that the reported information from your landlord is correct and provide you with a written confirmation that your past due rent has been paid in the event your landlord receives funding. ***Please notify your landlord immediately if you do not want to have your contact information provided for these purposes.***

During the application process you may receive an email from the State of Oregon urging you to submit your declaration if you have not already, as well as letting you view the information provided by the landlord on your past-due rent. That email will come from donotreply@LCFOregon.org. However, any questions about this program should be directed to hcs.lcf@oregon.gov. To report potential Landlord Compensation Fund program fraud or concerns, please email HCS.Internal_Audit@oregon.gov.