

# COVID-19 Rent Relief Program

Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) has funding to help renters who have been struggling to pay rent and utilities because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Who is Eligible?

Renters who have experienced money problems beginning on or after March 13, 2020 because of COVID-19 and have a household income less than 80% of the county median income.\*

*All Tennessee counties are included except Davidson, Knox, Shelby and Rutherford Counties. Contact local governments in those counties for information on how to apply for funds. \*For income limit information by county visit <https://thda.org/images/THDA-COVID-Rent-Relief-AMI-Chart.pdf>*

## What is Covered?

- Up to 12 months of past due rent.
- Up to 12 months of past due electricity, gas, water, sewer and trash collection.
- Up to 3 months of future rent.

## How Do I Apply?

- Online at: <https://thda.org/help-for-renters-section-8/covidrentrelief>
- Or call the THDA RENT RELIEF call center (844-500-1112) from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm central Monday through Saturday.
- A Landlord OR Tenant can start the application.

## What Documents do I need?

Be prepared to provide a valid government ID, proof that you are a tenant, income documentation, late payment or eviction notices, past due utility notices and a hardship affidavit.

**DO NOT WAIT TO APPLY UNTIL YOU HAVE ALL THE DOCUMENTATION TO APPLY.**

THDA will work with you to get what they need to approve your application.

## How do I Pay?

- Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility companies.
- A tenant can check on payments made on their behalf through the online portal.
- Payments are expected to be processed and paid in approximately 30 days.
- Applicants may monitor their application through the portal or by calling 844-500-1112.

**APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
Funds are limited**



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