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Governor's Moratorium Expires August 14 for Evictions and Utility Shutoffs *Resources available for residents and landlords*

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – August 14, 2020 – Effective today, Governor Holcomb's moratorium expires for rental evictions and utility shutoffs, and on August 15 for mortgage foreclosures. If you need financial assistance to help with utilities, rent and mortgage payments, United Way of Greater Lafayette and the State of Indiana have funds available to assist those in need. You can contact the United Way's COVID-19 Hotline number (call or text) at 765-201-0668 for assistance.

Assistance is also available through Indiana's COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program. The program will provide up to \$500 in assistance for four months. To be eligible, renters must meet the following guidelines:

- Lost their job or part of their income due to COVID-19
- Current household income, including unemployment, is less than the household income on March 6
- Have not received rental assistance from another source.

Go to www.indianahousingnow.org to fill out an application.

The City of Lafayette's Utility Billing Office is also available to help with an extension of your monthly utility payment. For eligibility, please contact us at ubquestions@lafayette.in.gov or call us at 765-807-1100 during regular business hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. You can also visit our website at www.lafayette.in.gov/ubo for assistance, which provides a link to the United Way's COVID-19 Housing and Stability Hotline.



States, localities, and nonprofit organizations that administer U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant programs can play a crucial role in promoting housing stability during this difficult time. HUD strongly encourages action to keep as many families stably housed as possible. HUD recognizes that many low income residents are facing new challenges due to COVID-19 and that the process of evicting residents can be costly to landlords as well.

Lafayette Housing Authority strongly encourages all owners of HUD-assisted housing to work with tenants at-risk of eviction to negotiate rent repayment plans to help them stay housed. To this end, Lafayette Housing Authority is providing an incentive to encourage participating landlords to engage at-risk tenants, and negotiate a suitable repayment plan.

LHA will incentivize landlords to enter into repayment agreements by providing a one-time up to \$500 payment for each tenant for whom an agreement is executed. The incentive payment cannot be used towards rent arrears for the tenant and is simply an incentive payment for the landlord. Funds are limited and will be awarded based on date and time of when repayment plan is submitted to LHA until available funding for incentive payments is expended.

For further information on the LHA incentive for landlords, please contact Kelli Smith at ksmith@lha.lafayette.in.gov.

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