



Clark County Launches New Website Today for Housing and Utilities Assistance

Residents Financially Impacted by COVID-19 May Apply Now

Clark County today launched the CARES Housing Assistance Program application website <https://chap.clarkcountynv.gov/> designed to provide assistance to residents who have suffered financial hardship due to COVID-19. Residents are encouraged to apply as soon as today for this financial assistance that pays for housing and utilities costs including past due and late fees incurred as of March 1 of this year.

“The CHAP website comes at a critical time as many of the 250,000 renters across Clark County face the prospect of eviction and the loss of utilities while they wait to be re-employed in our slowly recovering economy,” said Commission Chair Marilyn Kirkpatrick. “I urge anyone in need affected by the pandemic to visit the website as soon as possible.”

Funded by the federal CARES Act, the County dedicated \$30 million to the CHAP program and the state dedicated an additional \$20 million. In July, Clark County partnered with 14 local nonprofits to help administer the program. Residents who have applied for assistance with an area nonprofit should continue to work through their application process.

“We have until December 30th to spend CARES funding,” said Kirkpatrick. “So we encourage anyone who has lost their job or is working fewer hours and struggling to pay their rent or mortgage and utilities due to COVID-19 to go to the website and apply as soon as possible in order to keep a roof over their head. This will allow folks to bring themselves current on rent or bills, through the end of this year.”

On the CHAP website homepage, applicants will answer a few questions using the CHAP Assistant to find out if they are eligible. Applicants must meet a certain income level based on their household size and provide documented proof of their financial hardship due to COVID-19. Once the application is completed and the required documents are uploaded, payments are made directly to a landlord or mortgage company and/or utility company. Applicants must be Clark County residents. Recipients of housing vouchers such as Section 8 are not eligible for CHAP assistance.