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Emergency Rental Assistance Program Opens to Easthampton Residents

EASTHAMPTON, MA, February 3, 2021 – The City of Easthampton is announcing the opening of a new Emergency Rental Assistance Program with grants up to \$3,000 to eligible households in Easthampton. The purpose of this program is to provide short-term emergency rental assistance to current Easthampton renters experiencing an income hardship due to COVID-19. Assistance can include help with payment of rent arrears (debts) and monthly rent going forward.

“The Emergency Rental Assistance Program will help to keep Easthampton residents in their homes during this difficult time,” said Mayor LaChapelle. “The pandemic has impacted everyone, and formerly stable households are now struggling in ways that seemed unimaginable before COVID. This assistance will help to provide a safety-net that bridges the gap left by other programs.”

The program is funded by the Easthampton Community Preservation Act Committee and administered on a first-come, first serve basis by Community Action Pioneer Valley (CAPV). Easthampton residents can apply by contacting CAPV Community Resources & Advocacy Program’s Information and Referral phone line at 413-475-1570. The phone line is staffed Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm with a break from 12pm to 1pm. Due to high call volumes, callers may need to leave a message.

Funding is available to households who currently rent in Easthampton and meet all of the following eligibility criteria: make up to 100 percent of the Area Median Income (table below), have experienced a negative economic impact due to COVID-19, and are at least one month behind in their rent.

Household Size	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
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Income Limit	\$59,800	\$64,800	\$76,900	\$85,400	\$92,300	\$99,100	\$105,900	\$112,800
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“By providing assistance to households who are already behind in their rent, we are able to protect these members of our community from the devastating impacts of being evicted in winter in the middle of a pandemic,” said Jamie Webb, Assistant Planner for the City of Easthampton. “When community members are evicted from their homes, it doesn’t just hurt that household, it hurts the entire community.”

For more information and to apply, call Community Action Pioneer Valley at 413-475-1570

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