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More financial help for Idaho renters

A new round of funding means Idaho renters affected by COVID-19 can again receive short-term rent and utility support through Idaho Housing and Finance Association's Housing Preservation Program.

The program, which helps Idahoans experiencing financial hardship because of the pandemic, is accepting applications again for people living outside of Ada County. Renters can go to <https://www.idahohousing.com/hpp/> to find out if they qualify and apply for assistance. Further information is available by calling 1-855-452-0801.

"Making sure people have a safe, stable place to live during this pandemic is critical to our economic recovery," said Gerald M. Hunter, president of Idaho Housing and Finance Association. "This additional funding allows us to immediately assist Idaho renters who are experiencing financial hardship. We encourage renters and landlords to apply."

The Housing Preservation Program is available only to renters. Applicants must owe past-due rent or utilities or be unable to pay upcoming rent or utilities because of COVID-19 circumstances. To be eligible, applicants can earn no more than [80% of the Area Median of Income](#), must be Idaho residents and must have at least one member of the household legally eligible to reside in the United States. Those receiving a federal housing subsidy are not eligible. Ada County residents should apply for assistance through the [Boise City/Ada County Housing Authorities](#). Those who qualify can receive up to 15 months of assistance. Additional eligibility details are available at <https://www.idahohousing.com/hpp/>

Any payments will be made directly to landlords or utility companies. Landlords can apply on behalf of their tenants.