SC Thrive is proud to facilitate the COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program — a program designed to provide emergency rental assistance to South Carolinians facing financial hardships as a result of the Coronavirus crisis — in cooperation with SC Housing.

In an effort to help lessen the outbreak’s economic impacts on state residents, the program will provide emergency assistance to renters affected by shutdowns, closures, layoffs, reduced work hours, or unpaid leave due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Eligible households will receive assistance of up to $1,500 for rent in a one-time, lump-sum payment made directly to property owners or management companies.

Eligibility Requirements

• Applicant must be a South Carolina resident with proof of ID.
• The address on your ID must match the address on your lease.
• Applicants’ household income at the time of application must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for the county in which they reside. (Income eligibility by county can be found at rent.scthrive.org)
• Applicants’ employment/income must have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning March 10, 2020, or later.
• Applicants must be PAST DUE one month on rent.
• The rent assistance payment must bring the rental balance current.
• The applicant CANNOT currently receive any subsidized rental assistance.
• The applicant CANNOT be a current recipient of the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation. ($600 additional weekly benefit)
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Requirements and Document Checklist

Document Checklist

☐ Completed Application through Thrive Hub
☐ Active lease agreement – this may include an agreement to rent month to month – however, it must clearly be stated on the lease.
☐ Landlord Affidavit (includes a W-9 IRS form)
☐ South Carolina photo ID
☐ Proof of decrease in income or employment beginning March 10 or later due to the COVID-19 Crisis.

Income documents may include:

☐ Pay stubs that show a decrease in income, beginning in February
☐ Bank statements that show a decrease in income, beginning in February
☐ Unemployment statement – showing you are not approved for the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation ($600 additional weekly benefit)
☐ TANF statement
☐ Tax return
☐ Social Security check stubs or proof of deposit
☐ Pension statement
☐ Veterans benefit statement
☐ Proof of alimony
☐ Proof of child support
☐ Worker’s compensation check stubs
☐ Military pay stubs

If you are unable to provide the documents listed for proof of decrease in income, a bank statement showing proof of deposits or a statement of income (available on rent.sc_thrive.org) may be accepted.

However, there needs to show a decrease in income. This is based on gross income.

For more information and to download forms, visit rent.sc_thrive.org.

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