



# RENTAL ASSISTANCE now available for those impacted by COVID-19

The Pierce County Emergency Rental Assistance Program serves eligible Pierce County households who cannot pay rent during the COVID-19 emergency. Job loss or reduction of hours is not a requirement for eligibility.

## How it works

- Households are eligible to receive one (1) month of emergency rent assistance and the possibility of one (1) additional month of assistance contingent on the need for ongoing assistance, and subject to available funding.
- Rent payments due prior to April 1, 2020 are not eligible.
- Payments are made directly to landlord / property owners.

## What is the application process?

Once the application is submitted and you chose Goodwill as your service provider, we will reach out to you within 48-72 business hours to continue the rental assistance process. Our coordinator will ensure the application is complete and if you are eligible. If so, we'll begin the process to disburse funds to the landlord.

For assistance with the application process call (253) 798-7171

## How long will it take?

The time frame for coordinating with the landlord and determining that a client is eligible will vary. It is dependent upon how quickly landlords and applicants can verify rent due and payment details. Payments are made directly to landlords.

## Who is eligible?

Current household income (reflecting job loss or reduced hours) must be at or below of 80% Area Median Income. The chart below shows the maximum annual income amount based on household size to determine eligibility.

## What documentation will I need?

1. Rental agreement
2. Official document supporting lost or decrease wages, such as:
  - Letter or email from employer documenting job loss, layoff or closure of place of employment;
  - Recent paystub(s) documenting decrease in wage earnings; OR
  - Unemployment insurance benefit statement

## How do I apply?

Applicants may go online to <https://piercecountywa.gov/housinghelp> to find applications for COVID-19 emergency rental assistance, mortgage assistance and foreclosure prevention counseling.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income Limit (Maximum)	\$48,450	\$55,400	\$62,300	\$69,200	\$74,750	\$80,300	\$85,850	\$91,350