

Town of Stoughton

COVID Emergency Housing Assistance Fund



Is your family **struggling to pay its monthly rent or mortgage** as a result of the COVID pandemic?

Do you know of a family who might be in that situation?

Through a grant from its Community Preservation Fund, Stoughton has created a COVID Emergency Housing Assistance Fund to provide **Stoughton residents who have lost income as a result of the pandemic with assistance in paying their rent or mortgage.**

This aid is available to **renters whose household income is at or below the Average Median Income (AMI) for the Stoughton area.** It is also available to homeowners at or below the AMI whose properties have a recorded deed restriction for affordability. **Homeowners who do not have such a deed restriction may be eligible for state assistance** through the ERMA (Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance) program or other assistance programs.

Stoughton's COVID Housing Assistance Program can pay 70% of a household's rent or mortgage payments, up to a monthly maximum of \$1,500 in assistance. Total assistance available is **up to \$9,000 per household**, and can include amounts in arrears.

Stoughton residents who believe they may qualify for **local assistance** are urged to **apply to the Stoughton Housing Authority** at the **SHA website: StoughtonHousing.com**, or by telephone at 781-344-6599.

Applications for Stoughton COVID Housing Assistance are being accepted now, and will be accepted through June 30, 2021, or until funding runs out.

Residents who believe they may qualify for **state assistance under ERMA** may apply through the South Middlesex Opportunity Council at **www.smoc.org**.

The statewide moratorium on evictions is ending, and although there are other protections in effect, the pandemic and its effect on the economy will continue.

Please note that **eligibility for each program is affected by participation in other assistance programs.** Residents are encouraged to **check into these programs** and decide which one is best for them. The Stoughton Housing Authority can help you with questions about how to apply for financial assistance.