

# City of Peoria - CDBG Household Assistance Frequently Asked Questions

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The City of Peoria is accepting applications for the Household Assistance Program. This program is designed to provide funds to renters and homeowners delinquent on mortgage and rent payments due to COVID-19 impacts. Funds will be provided for three months of delinquent rent and mortgage payments as well as utilities to approved applicants.

For information, please visit <http://appreciatepeoria.com/covid19-assistance/>.

For additional questions, please contact [grants@peoriagov.org](mailto:grants@peoriagov.org).

## 1) How are participants selected?

All applicants to the program by the application date will be put into a lottery. Once the lottery is held, staff will contact applicants to complete additional

## 2) What information must be provided to enter the lottery?

Only basic contact information including name, address, phone number and email must be provided to enter the lottery. Landlord information must also be provided if a rental unit.

If selected via lottery, additional income documentation will be required for all individuals residing within the household over the age of 18. For children under 18, a document confirming their address at the location such as a medical card or report card must be provided.

## 3) What is the schedule for the program?

Lottery Entries Available: Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM  
Lottery Held: Tuesday, July 21 at 10 AM (Do not need to be present/online)  
List of Lottery Order Posted: Tuesday, July 21 by 4 PM

Those selected via lottery will be contacted by City staff within 2 days about submitting additional documentation. If documentation is not provided or household does not qualify, staff will move on to the next household on the list.

## 4) How do I apply?

To apply, please visit <http://appreciatepeoria.com/covid19-assistance/> and click on Household Assistance Programs. Under this section, click on the click here to apply button. You will be directed to register in the Neighborly system using your email and creating a password. Once your email is confirmed, you can complete the basic contact information for the lottery.

## 5) What are the eligibility requirements?

- The property must be located within the corporate boundaries within the City of Peoria
- Total household income must be at or below 80% Area Median Income (AMI) by household size
- Household must show a negative impact due to COVID-19 and be unable to pay
- No fees or fines can be owed to the City of Peoria
- No outstanding code violations on the property
- Property must complete a code enforcement self-inspection form

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## 80% Area Median Income (AMI) by household size:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
INCOME LIMIT	\$44,600	\$51,000	\$57,350	\$63,700	\$68,800	\$73,900	\$79,000

**6) How much assistance is available?**

Up to \$5,000 for up to three (3) months of assistance

**7) What types of expenses are eligible?**

Rent/mortgage and utilities such as water, electric and gas will be covered.

**8) Is my cable and internet bill eligible?**

No, cable and internet are not eligible items. HUD does not classify these as utilities under this program.

**9) Can a landlord apply for assistance?**

No, the application must come from the tenant of the rental unit. The income verification is of the household living in the unit.

**10) Can mortgage assistance for owner occupied properties also cover property taxes and insurance?**

Property taxes and homeowner's insurance are eligible as a part of the mortgage payment if they are escrowed as a part of the mortgage payment to the financial institution. If these expenses are not escrowed then they are not eligible.