



# Nassau County COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

## Program Overview

The Nassau County COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program is designed to assist residents struggling to pay their rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Community Development Corporation of Long Island (“CDC-LI”) will administer the program, which will cover up to three months of unpaid rent as of April 2020 for households earning no more than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). Rental assistance payments will be made directly to the property owner or property manager, not to renters.

Funding is provided through the federal Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (“CDBG-CV”) program and follows requirements set by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (“HUD”) on income criteria and rental assistance payment amounts.

## How to Apply

- **Beginning on January 6, 2021**, an “Initial Inquiry Form” will be available at [www.cdcli.org/](http://www.cdcli.org/). Interested residents will be asked to submit this form to allow CDC-LI staff to make an initial determination of eligibility. Not all residents who submit the Inquiry Form will be able to submit applications. A random number will be assigned to each resident for a subsequent lottery to ensure fairness in the selection of applications for limited funding.

## Eligibility Criteria

The applicant/resident must meet the following criteria to qualify for this program:

- Household income must be at or below HUD “Moderate Income Limit”
- Must be renting a home or apartment in Nassau County;
- Must submit a current lease agreement in effect March 2020 (or earlier) that indicates the required monthly rent payment;
- Must have been current on rent payments through March 2020;
- Must have a demonstrated loss of income due to COVID-19;
- Applicants will have to attest that there is not a familial relationship with the property owner; and

- Applicants will have to disclose and certify any other funds they have received to assist with missed rent payments.

**Program Income Limits**  
**HUD Moderate Income Limit (80% of AMI) in Effect as of April 2020**

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Maximum Income</b>	\$70,900	\$81,050	\$91,150	\$101,300	\$109,400	\$117,500	\$125,600	\$133,700

Payments awarded to eligible renters will not exceed Fair Market Rents established by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Monthly Fair Market Rents for Nassau-Suffolk according to unit size are shown below.

**Program Rent Payment Limits**  
**HUD Fair Market Rents for Nassau/Suffolk Counties in Effect as of April 2020**

Number of Bedrooms	Efficiency	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Fair Market Rent</b>	\$1,298	\$1,624	\$1,992	\$2,563	\$2,858	\$3,287	\$3,715

**Need Help?**

For additional questions, please call CDC-LI at 1-800-375-1014 starting on January 6, 2021 for assistance. Staff will be ready to assist in English, Spanish, and Creole.

If for some reason a resident cannot submit the Inquiry Form on-line, CDC-LI staff will assist with the form submittal. Having staff assist with the inquiry form will not make the applicant more likely to be called in the lottery process. The application process is conducted through randomly assigned lottery numbers and we urge on-line applications wherever possible.

*Please be patient* – renters/applicants will receive notifications at the following points: (1) Your inquiry form has been received; (2) If your number is called to submit an application; (3) For application status (complete or incomplete); (4) If determined eligible; and (5) Confirmation of payment to the property owner.

To help CDC-LI communicate as efficiently and effectively as possible, please make sure you have an accurate email address. Check to see if our emails went to spam. Please also make sure we have an accurate cell phone or landline to reach you. Again, please be patient.